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CANTON FIGHTS.

GEN. CHANG'S DRASTIC ORDER.

TROUBLE UNSETTLED.

The strife among the Labour Unions in Canton is still unabated, despite the fact that troops and armed police, are patrolling the streets to prevent further bloodshed. The bitter feelings between the rival elements of the Unions are running so high that on the least pretext men come out wearing the distinctive white and red armlets, and a clash ensues. By the time the troops or armed police arrive, the combatants have usually scattered.

It has, in fact, become rather dangerous to be out in the streets, owing to the possibility of a street fight breaking out suddenly. Many instances of this kind have been reported, and a few pedestrians have received more or less serious injuries by being caught in the thick of a fight.

PEACE EFFORTS.

It is said that Madame Liao Chung-hoi has come forward to mediate with the Unions' Delegates Association. It was thought that this Association would lend its ears to her pleadings, because most of the Unions belonging to this Association were formed under the patronage of her late husband, but her efforts, together with those of the Chairman of the Strike Union, have so far failed.

On the 8th instant, the No. 6 Police Sub-Station was besieged by Union men, in consequence of some of their members arrested for disorderly conduct. They were not dispersed until the arrival of armed policemen despatched by the Central Station for that purpose. August 9th and 10th saw no organised fight among the different factions of workers, and only one death was reported in the fight on the afternoon of the 8th.

STRIKERS "NEUTRAL"

The Canton Strike Committee, the organisation enforcing the boycott, has formally announced its "neutrality" in the present labour feud.

The different factions of the restaurant workers—those of the class catering to the merchants and well-to-do folks naturally siding with the "anti-Reds" and those existing to serve the coolies and the poorer classes—are still preparing for another battle, and they have not yet returned to their jobs. As a result, the proprietors of the better class restaurants are losing about \$30,000 and the others about \$15,000 daily in overhead expenses.

"SHOOT TO KILL"

Reports state that instructions from General Chang Kai-shek, the Kuomintang Chief now in Hunan in connection with the Northern expedition, are to shoot to kill all those engaged in street warfare; but so far the Kuomintang troops in the city have not resorted to such a course. The Kuomintang Workers' Delegates Conference (supported by the Communist element within the Kuomintang) claims a membership of 170,000, while the General Labour Union is backed by almost equal strength.

The Kuomintang Workers' Delegates Conference, in order to turn General Chang Kai-shek against the Central Labour Union, is accusing non-Kuomintang newspapers of having maliciously attacked the Kuomintang Party and that the Central Labour Union is being influenced by the "counter-revolutionists" to disturb the peace of Canton in order to check the progress of the Northern expedition.

THE POSTAL SETTLEMENT.

Temporary adjustments or settlements in labour disputes concluded within the last few days include the trouble with the Postmen's Union. The postmen (Continued on Page 12).

STATUS OF SHANGHAI RUSSIANS.

RENDITION OF COURT FEARED.

BARRISTER'S STATEMENT.

Shanghai, August 10.

M. Alexander Fishman, a well-known Russian barrister here, in the course of an interview with a Russian journalist, regarding the Mixed Court, declared that the rendition would give Russians an entirely new and different status.

Despite the fact that Russians had lost the rights of extra-territoriality, Russians in Shanghai were at present under the authority of the Mixed Court but after the rendition he expected that they would be under purely Chinese Courts, subordinate to the Supreme Court at Peking.

M. Fishman declared that the movement of the foreign Bar had been entirely misconstrued. They had no selfish motives but desired to see the Courts established such as to bring justice and order. He utterly disagreed with the accusations made by an American Attorney that Britain was bartering the Mixed Court for her trade with China. The British attitude was perfectly honourable and straightforward.—*Reuter's*

RUM RUNNERS' BATTLE.

BRITISH SCHOONER AND COASTGUARD CUTTER.

New York, August 10.

A message from St. Augustine, Florida, says that two members of a rum running schooner named the Hazel Lee, which is alleged to be of British origin, have been sent to hospital suffering from wounds they received in a battle with a coastguard cutter which, they declare, fired without warning. The owner of the Hazel Lee, who accompanied the wounded men ashore, was arrested on a charge of drunkenness.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ONE DEATH.

A Savannah message says that the coastguard cutter mentioned in connection with the above incident has reported there with a member of the crew dead.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MEXICO AND AMERICA.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE DENIES RUMOURS.

New York, Aug. 10.

At his summer camp, near Paul Smith's, President Coolidge gave the official quietus to several rumours emanating from Mexico City during the week-end. Pres. Coolidge's official spokesman stated that Pres. Coolidge had not had direct communication with President Calles, while the fact that Mr. Sheffield, the American Ambassador to Mexico, was returning to the States was explained as being merely the customary vacation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ARGENTINE FLIGHT.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 10.

The Argentine aviator, Duggan, has arrived over the River Plate.—*Reuter.*

[It was reported on June 20th that Duggan, who had been missing for a week, had arrived safely at Vigia with his companion. He is flying from New York to Buenos Aires.]

"EMPRESS" THEFTS.

MUSICIAN SENT TO GAOL.

STORY OF SICK WIFE.

A series of personal losses suffered by various passengers during the Empress of Asia's voyage to Hongkong from Canada, led to the arrest and appearance before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, of Santos Alvarran, (20), musician, who was charged on three counts of larceny.

THREE CHARGES.

Charges preferred against the defendant were larceny of (1) one pull-over sweater and one jar of hair ointment, the property of Mr. Thomas F. Loundon; (2) one safety razor, belonging to Mr. V. A. Pacis; and (3) \$45 in Hongkong money and \$45 worth of Cook's travelling cheques, the property of Mr. H. B. Norris.

Mr. L. D. Turner prosecuted on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Company.

In answer to the charges, the defendant admitted the three counts but said that the money in the case of Mr. Norris consisted of \$25 in Shanghai currency, and not Hongkong banknotes.

Mr. Turner said that there appeared to have been an error in the formulation of the charge. The money had not been recovered, and there was some doubt as to its actual currency.

THEFTS AT SEA.

Giving the facts of the case, Mr. Turner said that the case was regarded very seriously by the company. The Empress of Asia left Canada some weeks ago and before the steamer was long at sea various passengers and also officers of the ship complained of having lost different articles of personal property, as well as money. Victims had reported losses ranging from sums of \$100 gold to fountain pens, watches and cigarette cases. The vessel arrived in Hongkong yesterday, but on the previous afternoon, a Mr. Norris had his pocket book stolen. A "careful" watch was kept and the defendant was found wandering about on "B" Deck, on which part of the ship he had no authority to be. The officer who had seen Alvarran became suspicious of his movements, and, not being satisfied with his explanation, he was taken into custody on suspicion.

ARTICLES PAWNED.

A search was made of his cabin and various articles were found in his luggage. The defendant had admitted then, as he had admitted in Court, that he had stolen the articles found and also various other articles, among which was a gold watch. He informed the officers of the ship that he had already pawned several articles of jewellery.

The Company, concluded Mr. Turner, regarded it as a very serious offence for a ship's musician to pilfer the passengers' luggage, thus spoiling what might otherwise have been a pleasant trip.

Alvarran made a lengthy statement in broken English, in which he said that he was recently married to a woman, whom he dearly loved and she had recently been taken ill. He was a very poor man and needed money to pay his wife's hospital expenses.

GAMBLING TABLE LOSSES.

Mr. Turner said that in view of the defendant's statement, he was extremely sorry to have to mention it, but he would bring conclusive evidence that all the money the defendant had taken, and the money he had got by selling articles stolen, had been lost over the gambling table.

The defendant replied that he had attempted to increase the money he already had, in order to be able to remit more to his wife, but he had unfortunately lost all that he had stolen. Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on all three charges.

COMMODORE STIRLING PROMOTED.

RAISED TO RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL.

A FINE CAREER.

Information has been received officially from the Admiralty by the Naval Authorities that Commodore Anselan J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N., Commodore in Charge of H. M. Naval Establishments at Hongkong has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral to date 9th August, 1926.

Admiral Stirling entered the Navy in 1889 and joined H.M.S. Nile on the Mediterranean Station, his first seagoing ship, as a Naval Cadet in June, 1891. He first came to the China Station as a Lieutenant, serving in H.M.S. Barileur, Flagship of Rear Admiral James A.T. Bruce, in 1899, and was landed with the Naval Brigade during the Boxer Troubles in 1901. He was wounded in the leg during these operations and invalided, subsequently receiving a pension for wounds.

The new Admiral was promoted to the rank of Commander on 8th June, 1909, and to Captain in December, 1915. He was eminently a "destroyer" Officer and served in Destroyer Flotillas, commanding H.M. Ships Shark, Faulknor and Saumarez, throughout the War.

He commanded as Captain (D) the 12th Destroyer Flotilla of 18 destroyers at the Battle of Jutland being himself in H.M.S. Faulknor. He delivered the most successful destroyer attack with his Flotilla on the German Battle Fleet, inflicting considerable damage and sinking the German Battleship Pommern, as the Fleet were endeavouring to escape on the morning of 1st June, 1916. For his services on this and other occasions during the war he was made a Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Military Division, and decorated with the French Legion of Honour and Russian Order of St. Anne with swords.

At the conclusion of the War, Admiral Stirling was appointed a Commodore, 2nd Class, as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, and later commanded the large aircraft carrier Argus, which was the pioneer of aircraft carriers as at present known, and carried out important experimental work in her.

On conclusion of his term of appointment in H. M. S. Argus, he was appointed directly to command the Atlantic Fleet Destroyer Base at Port Edgar in Scotland, which was specially constructed during the war to accommodate the Grand Fleet Destroyer Flotillas, amounting to over one hundred destroyers.

From that appointment Admiral Stirling was sent to Hongkong as Commodore in Charge and would have completed his two years as Commodore, Hongkong, at the end of this year.

Admiral Stirling enjoys the distinction of having been continuously employed as a Captain since his promotion in 1915, an experience which few Captains have enjoyed since the ruthless reductions which have been effected after the close of the war.

It is anticipated that Admiral Stirling will continue to serve at Hongkong for the present until due for relief about December, 1926.

The new Admiral was born on the 27th of June, 1875, being the son of Col. J. S. Stirling, of Gargunnoch, Stirlingshire. He was educated at the Royal Naval School, Newcross.

He arrived in Hongkong on December 11th, 1924, in succession to Commodore (now Rear Admiral) Grace, and during his stay here has won much popularity in the social life of the Colony.

HISTORIC DAY.

FRANCE ALTERS HER CONSTITUTION.

ROWDY COMMUNISTS.

Paris, Aug. 10.

For only the third time in history and for the first time in 42 years, the National Assembly met to-day to deal with a constitutional question at the Palace of Versailles, namely, to embody the Sinking Fund Statutes in the Constitution and thus remove the kernel of last week's legislation from the destructive hand of the legislator. The Palace and gardens were closed to sightseers during the sitting of the Assembly, which the Government hopes will conclude in a single day, provided it is able to forestall the anticipated action of the Socialists to revise the Constitution to curtail the Senate's veto over Bills passed by the Chamber.

The proceedings opened with the overwhelming defeat of a communist motion, designed to prevent the Government opposing amendments to the agenda.

A HOLIDAY FORMALITY.

Versailles, Aug. 10. The town and palace were bathed in sunshine when special trains conveyed from Paris, Senators, Deputies and pressmen, but many, including M. Poincare, motored. Gendarmes were much in evidence.

The white-haired M. Desvelles, as President of the Senate, opened the proceedings at 9.30. The issue on the vote constitutionalising the Sinking Fund being assured, the members were in holiday mood and many in holiday attire. The chief pre-occupation, except by Socialists and Communists, who seemed bent on obstruction, was to get through the business as quickly as they could, to-day if possible, but the long formalities absorbed the morning and part of the afternoon.

The Assembly began by adopting the rules which were identical to the Assembly of 1871 with the addition of an amendment limiting the number and duration of speeches. This was adopted in the teeth of Socialist and Communist opposition, the Communists, as usual, being noisily but harmlessly obstreperous. M. Poincare read the text of the single Article to be added to the Constitution and, after further discussion on points of procedure, the Assembly adjourned till the afternoon, a Committee of both Houses, meanwhile preparing a report on the Bill constitutionalising the Sinking Fund.—*Reuter.*

TUMULT BREAKS OUT.

Later.

The National Assembly by 671 votes to 144 constitutionalised the Sinking Fund. When the Assembly resumed in the afternoon, the Socialists violently attacked the proposal hurling insults at M. Poincare. Tumult broke out and the sitting was suspended, but resumed later.—*Reuter.*

LATEST FRANC RATE.

London, Aug. 10. French francs closed at 171.6 and Belgian francs at 175.3.—*Reuter.*

COMMUNIST EXPELLED.

At Versailles, soldiers had to be called in at the National Assembly to enforce the ruling of the President. The notorious Communist, Doriot was largely responsible for the tumult and was several times warned. Finally, the President appealed to the Assembly to authorise M. Doriot's expulsion, and the assent was given. Socialists and Communists then rose and sang revolutionary songs, also, hooting and whistling. Finally, at the President's request, General Pelletier, the one-armed veteran commanding Versailles, entered with four men and a Corporal, tapped M. Doriot on the shoulder and requested him to follow. M. Doriot obeyed.—*Reuter.*

"PUSSYFOOT" GOING STRONG.

MOVEMENT IS ON FOR EVER.

ENGLAND LEFT ALONE.

London, August 10.

"Ours is not a campaign, it is a movement and it is going on for ever," corrected Mr. "Pussyfoot" Johnson when *Reuter* enquired the progress of the dry campaign in America and Central Europe, from which Mr. Johnson has just returned.

He added that prohibition was being enforced in America better than the licensing law ever was. "We have corruption, but less than before. The opposition talks about a referendum, but every congressional election is a referendum and the people have elected a drier congress on three occasions since prohibition started. If I had the power to make England dry, I would not use it. A nation should have the laws it wants. If America wants the old system, let her, and then God have mercy upon her soul." There were nearly 500 European delegates to the Dorpat Conference, one Japanese and five American and they all reported a tendency towards greater sobriety. "The movement against alcoholism is steadily marching towards a universal veto and there is no forcing methods.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITISH SUBMARINE DISASTER.

SIX LIVES NOW REPORTED LOST.

Rugby, Aug. 10.

It is now officially announced that six men, instead of five as at first reported, lost their lives in Submarine H29 which sank in the Dock Basin at Devonport yesterday afternoon.

The cause of the disaster is unknown, and the Admiralty announces that an official enquiry will be held as soon as the vessel has been raised.

Salvage parties were at work throughout the night by the light of flares and searchlights, and divers made many attempts to enter her, but in vain.

After some ten feet of water had been pumped out of the Dock Basin, it was decided to attempt to raise the sunken submarine bodily, and the vessel is being slung on wire hawsers. Officials hope to raise her by a secret method which is to be tried for the first time.—*British Wireless.*

MR. MELLON'S DENIAL.

VISIT TO ROME PURELY PRIVATE.

Rome, Aug. 10.

Mr. Andrew Mellon has stated that his visit to Rome was entirely private and he has refuted the statement published in the French press to the effect that he had interviewed M. Mussolini and Count Volpi and other financial authorities regarding the stabilisation of the lire and kindred matters. Mr. Mellon added that there had been no such conversations and he did not intend to have any during his visit to Europe.—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK STOCKS.

A SEVERE DECLINE.

New York, Aug. 10.

Stocks are most active and there have been wide fluctuations, culminating in a severe decline. Steel dropped five points and General Motors twenty. The causes of the break are attributed to a bear drive and a rise in the call-money rate to five per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHOLERA RAGES.

HUNDREDS DIE IN SHANGHAI.

GREAT FAMINE FEARED.

Shanghai, Aug. 10.

The Municipal Health Authorities state that last week there were 2,053 Chinese and 22 foreigners suffering from cholera, of whom 321 Chinese and six foreigners died. During this week, up till tonight (Tuesday) there had been 654 more Chinese and eleven more foreign cases, of which 125 Chinese and three foreign had proved fatal.

The *China Press* states that the continuous lack of rain and the excessive heat (yesterday the temperature was again 101½) is not only causing the spread of the cholera but is also threatening a great famine.—*Reuter.*

ANOTHER OUTBREAK.

Coincident with the serious news of the Shanghai cholera outbreak comes information to the effect that a grave epidemic of the same disease is occurring at Pinglok and Laipo, cities which are situated about a hundred miles north of Wuchow. The *Telegraph's* Nanning correspondent states that native doctors are powerless to deal with the outbreak, which is spreading rapidly, so much so that the Laipo District Commercial Association has issued a circular appeal to various hospitals and Red Cross Societies to render help and advice. This organisation promises transportation costs and wages to any qualified doctors who will help the people in their extremity.

Amongst the institutions to which the appeal is addressed is the Stout Memorial Hospital at Wuchow, and it is the irony of fate, says our correspondent, that the doors of this hospital should be closed and the foreign doctors driven away therefrom as a result of the foolish so-called "patriotic" activities of pickets.

However, medical advice and health circulars dealing with cholera are being sent to the affected districts from Nanning, and the outbreak is being investigated from all standpoints.

THE APPEAL.

The circular referred to is addressed to the heads of the Wai Man and all other hospitals in Canton; the Sin Lok Yuen Hospital, Nanning; the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow; the Red Cross Societies at Nanning, Wuchow and Kweilin; as well as to all doctors and medical research societies.

It states that the Laipo district is faced with a serious epidemic of cholera, which has spread from Pinglok, and in most cases the victims succumb after about three hours. In Pinglok, there have been instances in which the victims have suddenly fallen down in the streets, and it has been impossible to open their mouths in order to administer medicine.

"We are panic-stricken," says the circular, "and the medical profession here is without any means of relieving the situation. Every one looks forward to the help of able doctors, just as rain is looked for during a great drought. We therefore appeal to you to send us any prescriptions that you may have as an effective remedy for the disease. Also, if there are any professional men in your district we shall be pleased to pay all their travelling expenses in addition to paying remuneration for their services. As this is a matter of charity, please give this your prompt attention."

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The Theosophical Society 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, August 12th, at
6 p.m. The Meeting is open to the public.

DEATH DEFEATS THE LAW

A FATAL ATTEMPT TO EVADE ARREST.

The death of a man who was killed while trying to escape from a house during a police visit was the subject of an inquiry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Evidence showed that the man jumped from the second floor verandah of a house in Tan Wah street, Shaikwan, on January 25, and died in the Government Civil Hospital on July 24 from a fractured skull.

A man had been arrested by the police in connection with a theft of rope from a ship, and informed the detectives that two other men were also implicated. He offered to show them where the two men could be found, and took them to the house in Tan Wah street.

Outside the house, the prisoner called to the two men inside but received no reply. When the detectives entered they found both men had gone. One was found lying injured in the yard below, having fallen about 20 feet.

Inspector Blackman said he thought the man had tried to escape by way of a pipe and had missed his footing. The man was able to speak and said no one pushed him off and admitted that he was concerned in the theft of rope.

A verdict of accidental death while trying to escape from the police was returned.

ITALY AND SPAIN.

AN ARBITRATION TREATY.

Rome, Aug. 10.

The announcement that Italy and Spain have signed a treaty of friendship and arbitration at Madrid has come as a complete surprise.

The negotiations apparently were conducted very secretly. The text has hitherto not been published.

The Fascist newspapers rejoice at the development, and emphasise the importance of the treaty in the Mediterranean.—*Reuter.*

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SCALDED HEAD TO FOOT.

BOILING WATER POURED OVER SLEEPERS.

A man's harsh treatment of his wife after only a few days of married life was described at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a Chinese named Wu Kun was charged with the murder of Yuen Yeung, another Chinese male. He was also charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Yuen Yeung, Yuen Chi and Ho Mu by pouring boiling water over them at 13 Rutter street on July 13.

Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and in opening said that at the time of the crime the defendant and his family were living together. Defendant was an unlicensed hawk, and the other man was an earth cooler and coffin-carrier.

About October of last year the defendant married a woman he had never seen before, arrangements apparently being made by go-betweens. The wife went to live with her husband at 13 Rutter street.

Worship During The Night.

After a few days of married life defendant became very strange in his manner. He started to beat his wife and frequently struck his mother and sister. In addition he cut his clothes, lay in bed through-out the day and seldom went out.

He would also wake in the night, sing songs and go through some form-of-worship.

He also continually talked to himself.

Defendant's wife left him in May of this year and went to live in Yau-mat. She did this on the advice of the defendant's mother, as neither the deceased nor his family had anything to do with it.

The defendant did not seem to have been greatly affected when his wife left him. He made no inquiries and no attempt to get her back again.

He was strange up to the night of the crime. At that time too people were living in the one room which was without partitions.

Shower Of Boiling Water.

On the night of July 13, some time after midnight, the defendant's mother woke up and saw her son standing in the kitchen near a small stove. In reply to her question he said he was boiling water to wash a quilt.

Shortly afterwards the three people sleeping in one bed, two brothers and their mother, were awakened by a pan of water being thrown over them. The mother saw the defendant standing close by with an iron pan in his hand.

The younger brother was considerably scalded, and was in hospital for some days. The other man lingered for a time, and defendant was charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Scalded From Head To Foot.

In reply to that charge he said the man had taken his wife away and that he had not been allowed to make a report to the police. They had threatened to kill him if he did so.

The other man died on the 15th, being scalded almost from head to foot. Defendant was then charged with murder and in reply said he had not committed murder, adding that his wife had been taken away.



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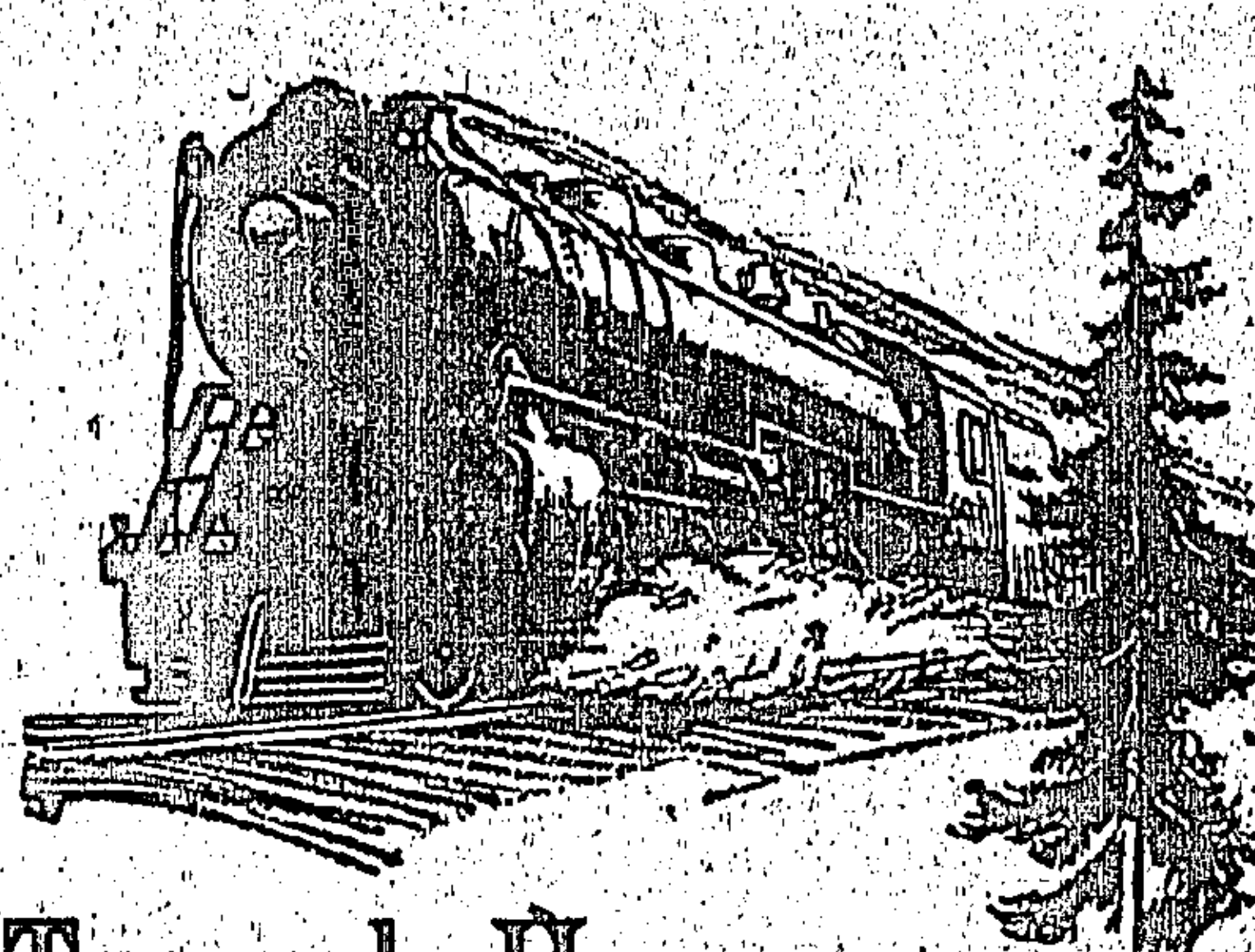
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Mr. Hazlerigg said the evidence would be to the effect that neither the deceased nor his family had anything to do with the wife going away and that there was no quarrel between defendant and the other man or his family.

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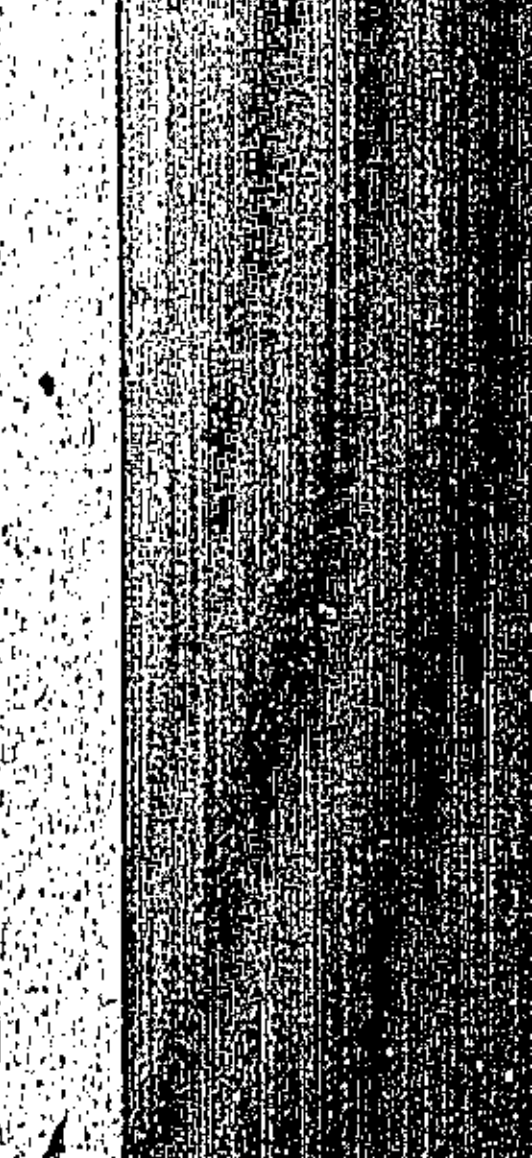
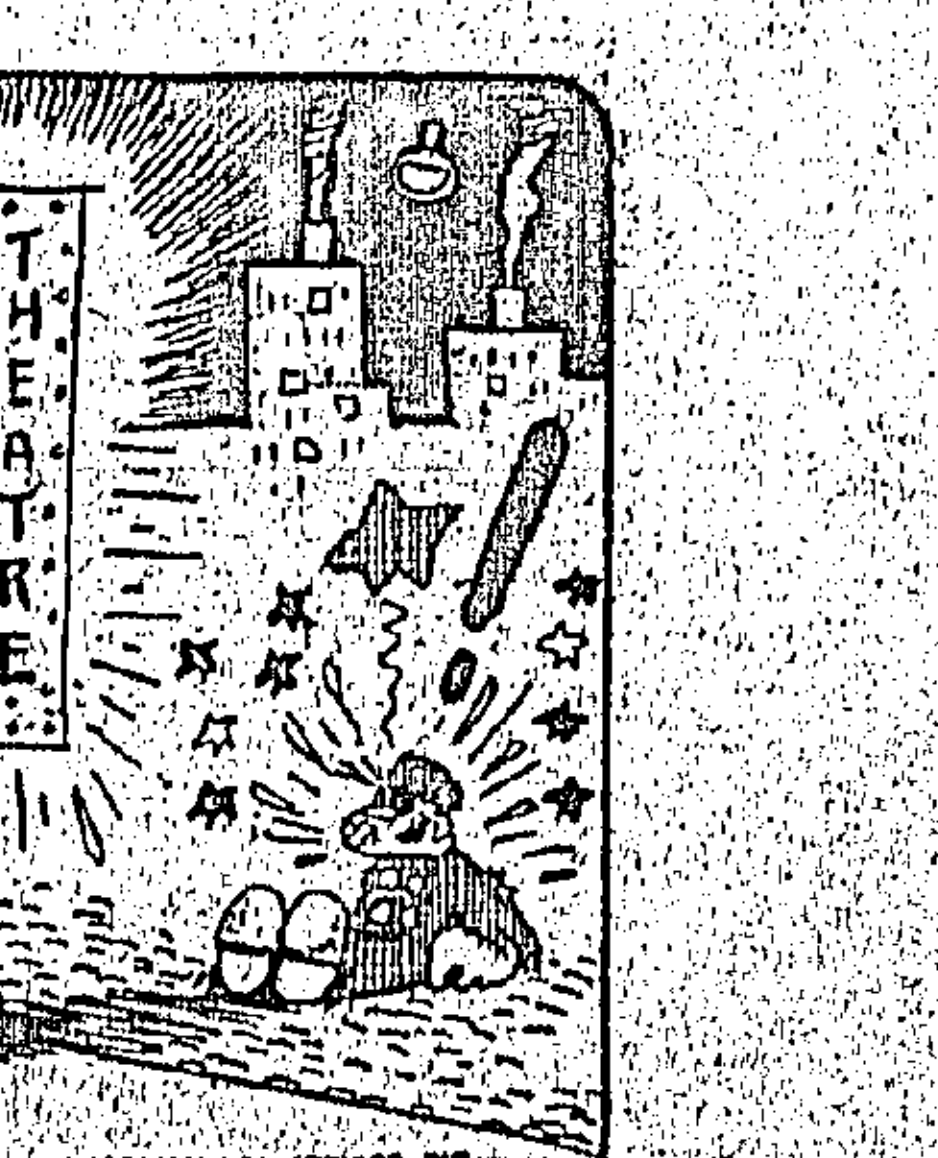


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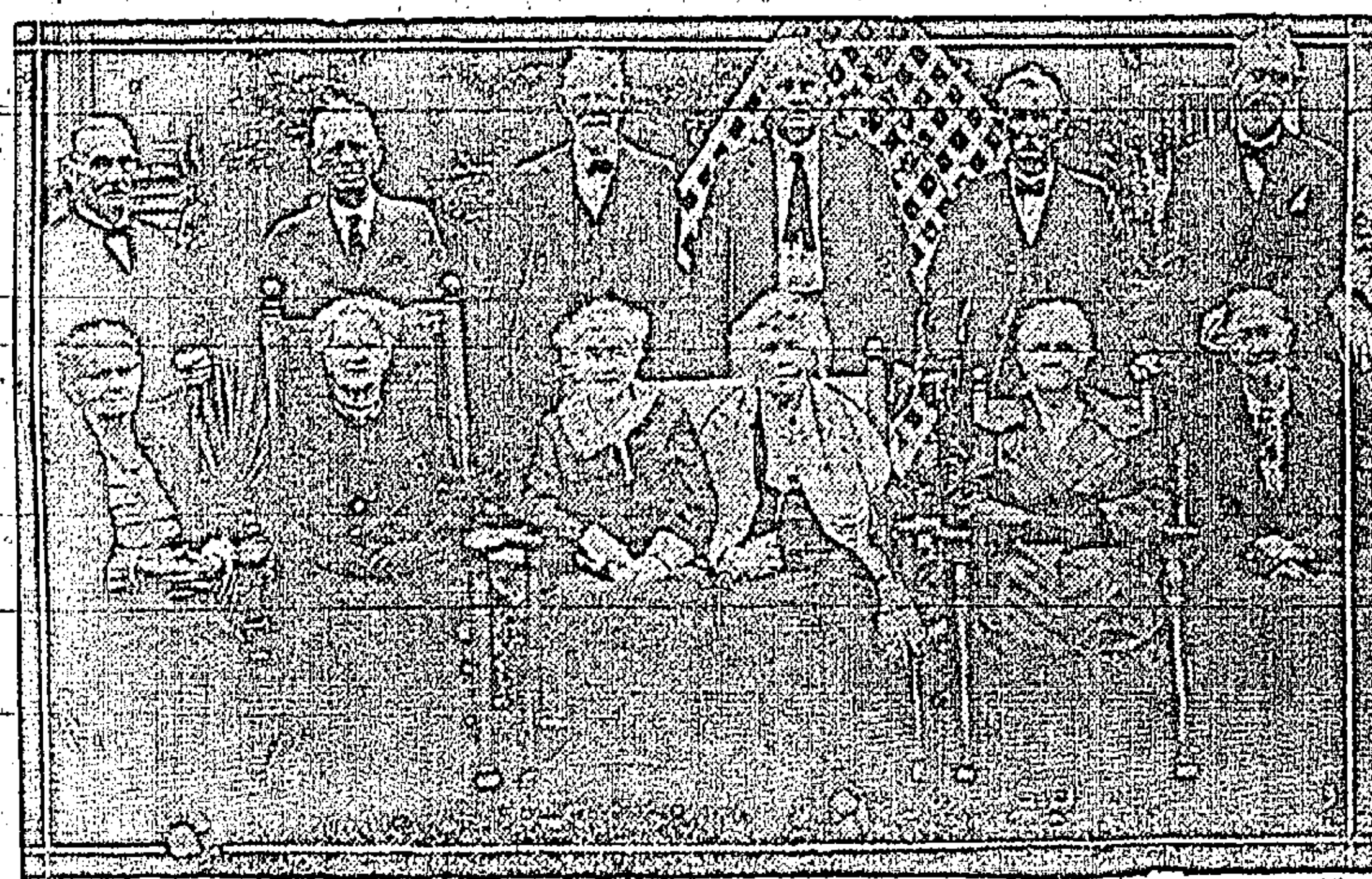




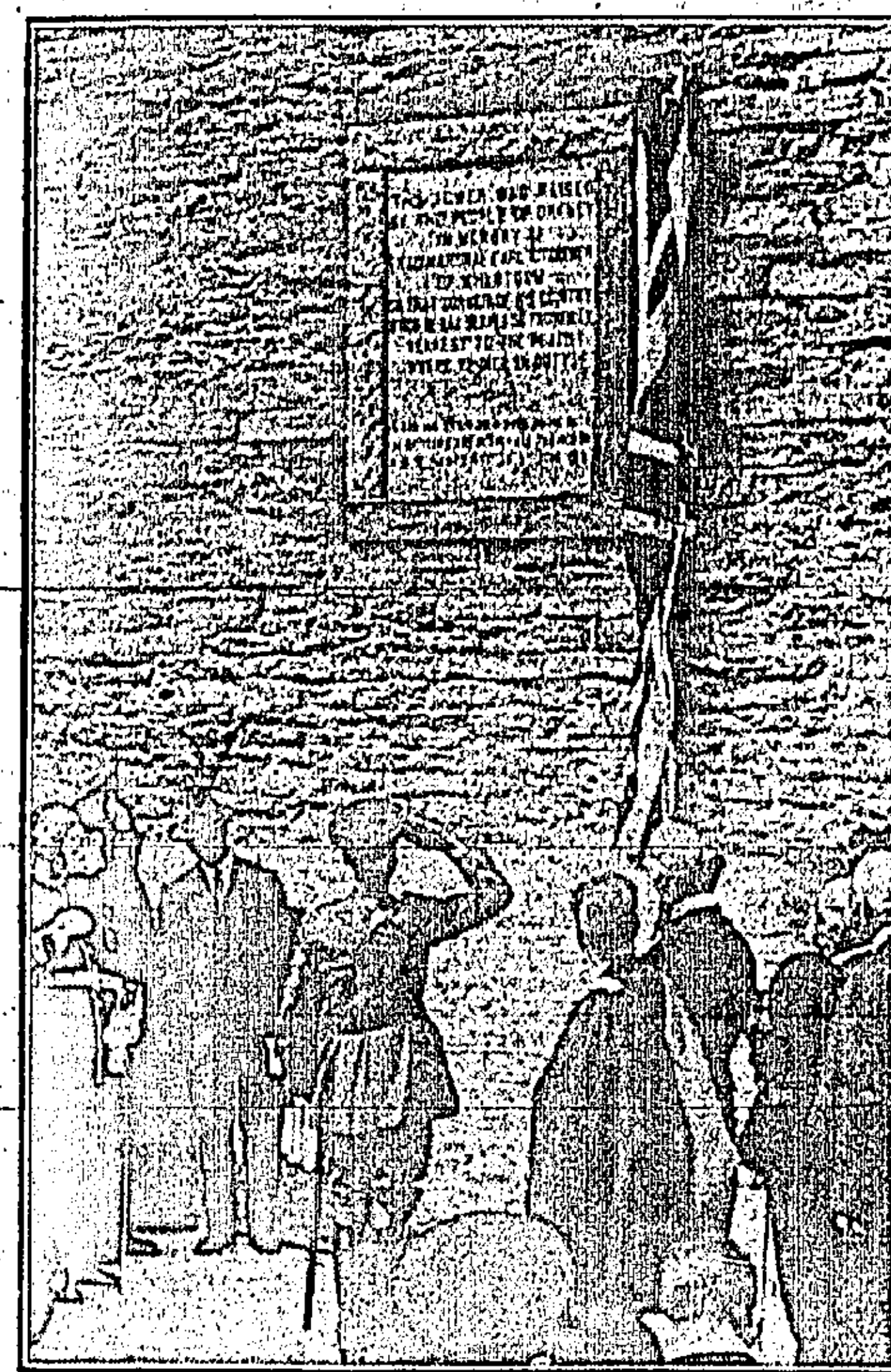
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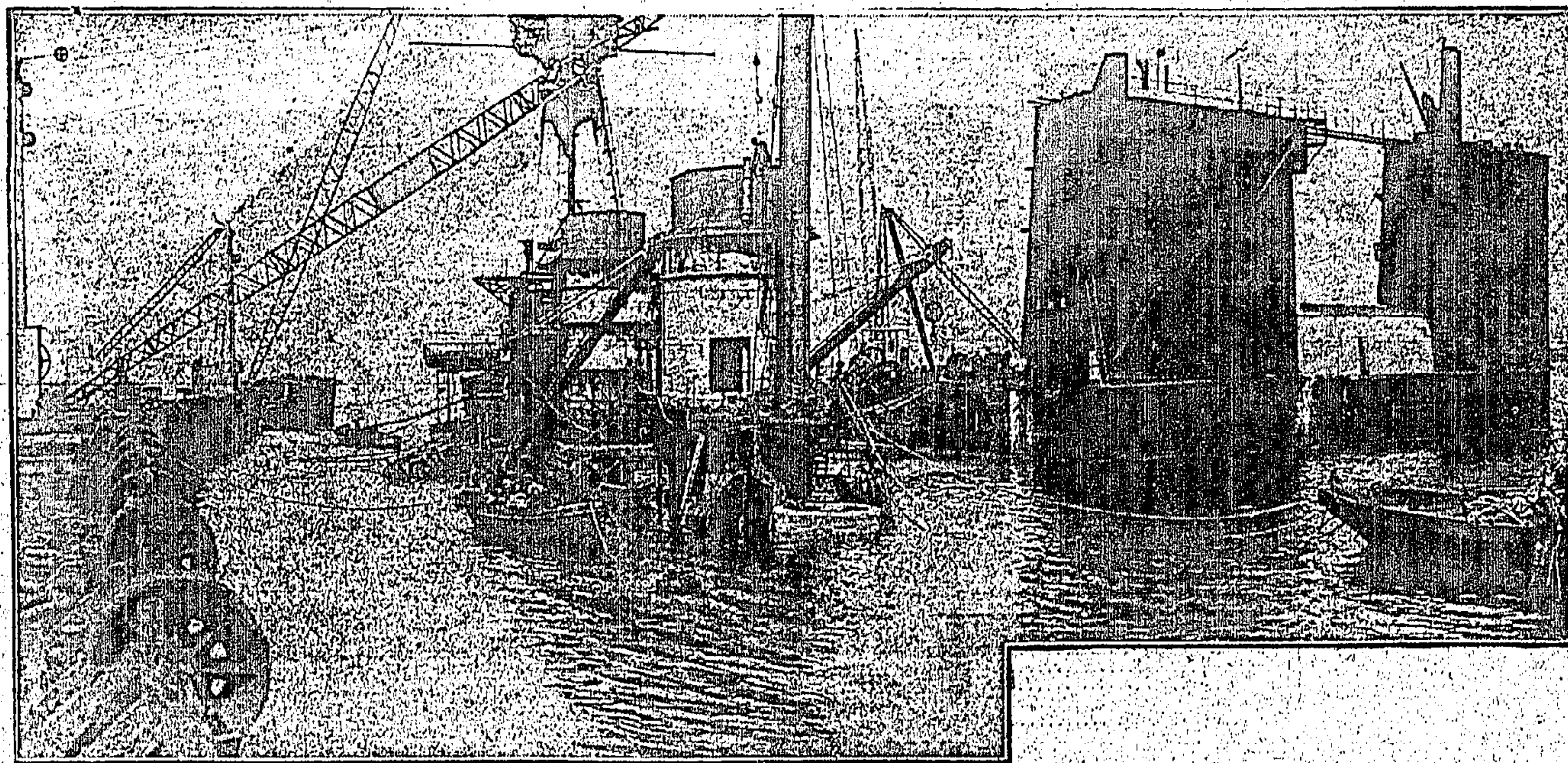
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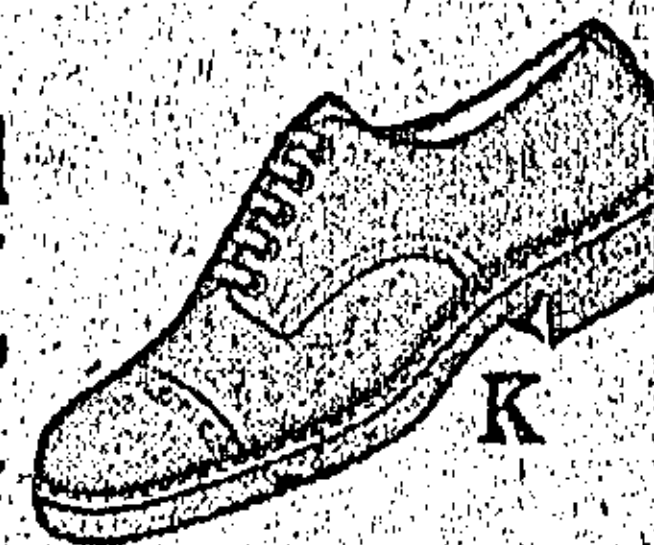
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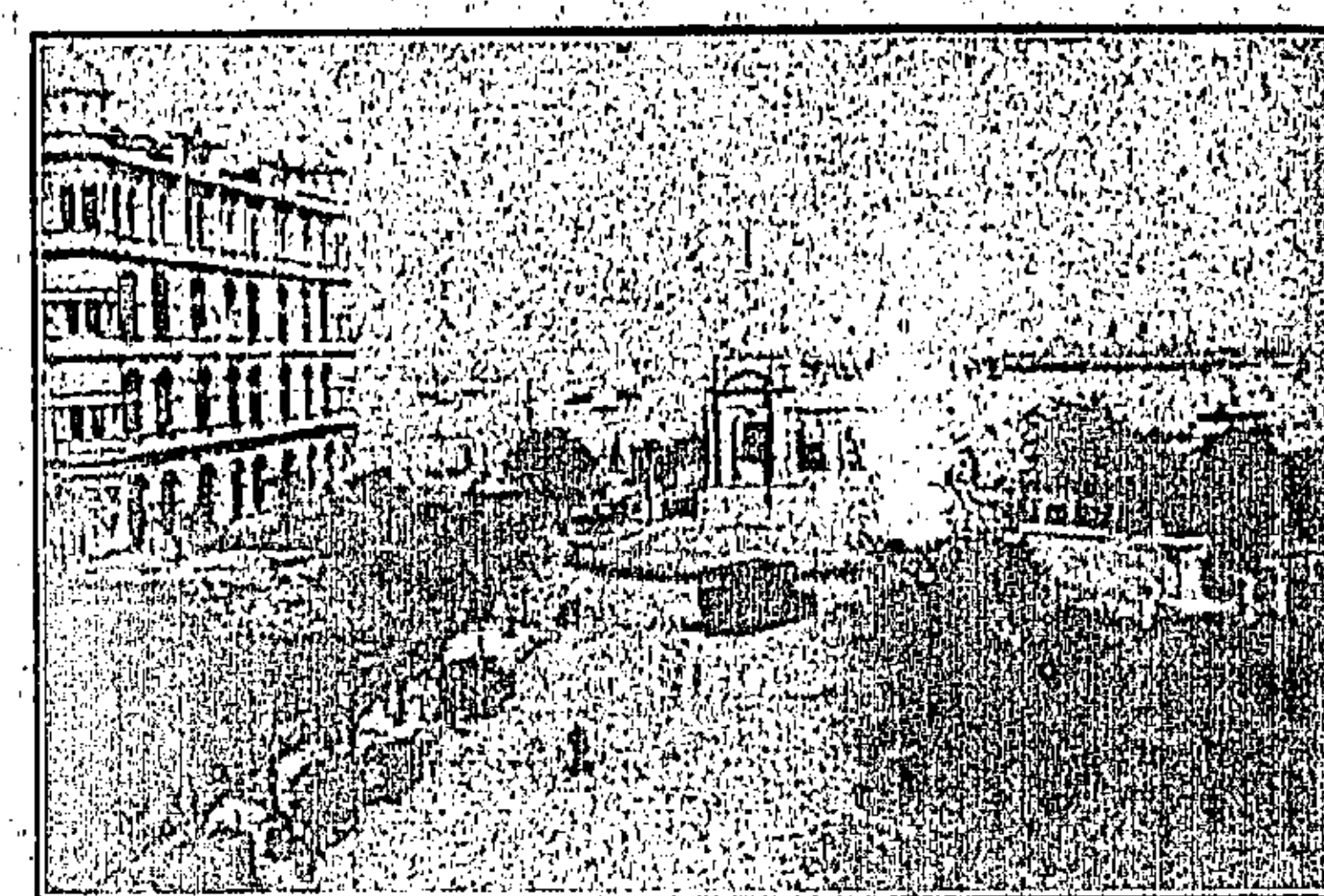
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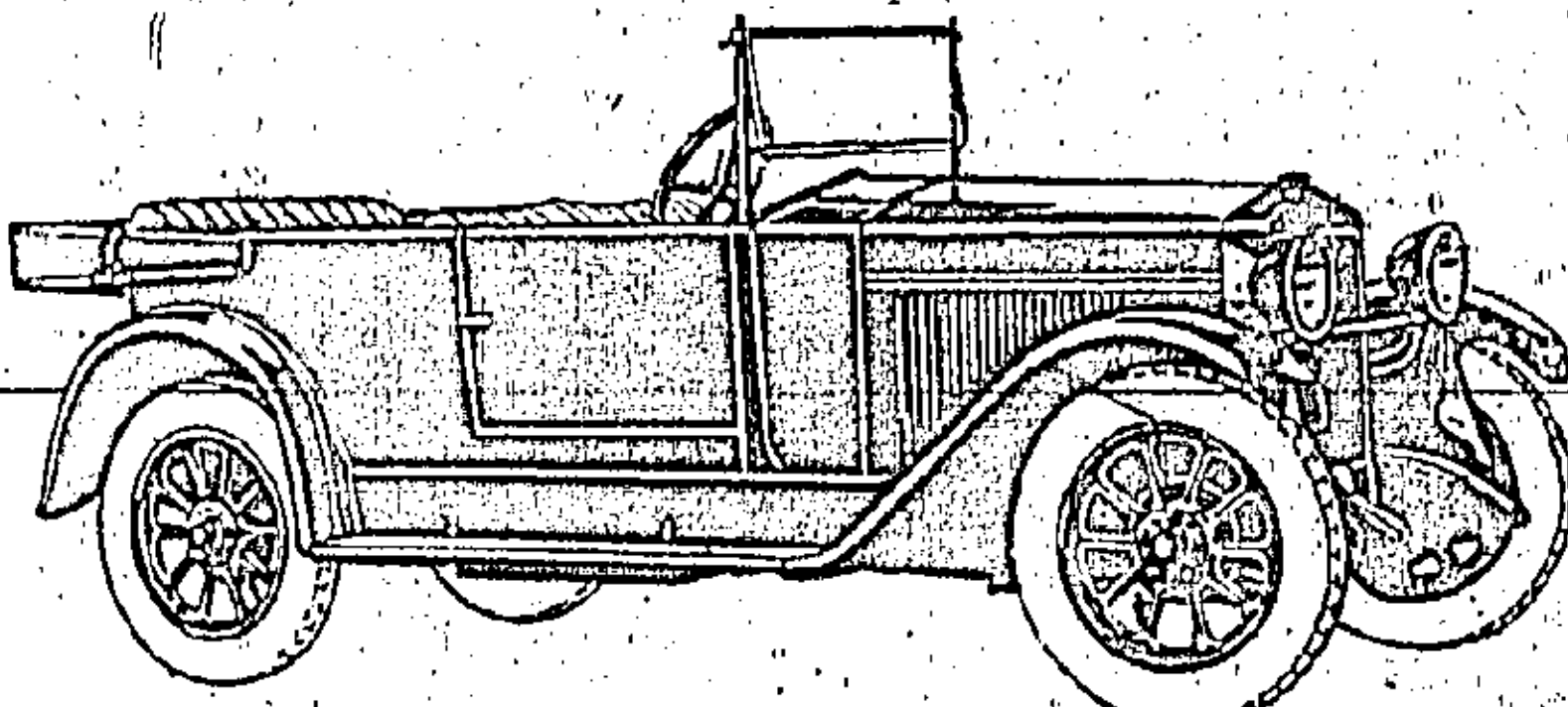
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Japan	Sawa Maru	August 12.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London 15th July)	Hong Hwa	August 14.
Straits	Takada	August 14.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	August 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Korea Maru	August 16.
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Japan	Mishima Maru	August 17.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	August 18.
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Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	August 20.
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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Wed. Aug. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Chengtu	Wed. Aug. 11, 5 p.m.
Holchow and Haiphong	Tean	Thurs. Aug. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjondari	Thurs. Aug. 12, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow	Sunning	Thurs. Aug. 12, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Un Kai Maru No. 6	Fri. August 12, 1.30 p.m.

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Manila

Thurs. Aug. 12, 3.30 p.m.

Chinhua

Fri. Aug. 13, 5 p.m.

Hai Ning

Fri. Aug. 13, 4 p.m.

Linan

Fri. Aug. 13, 5 p.m.

Sawa Maru

Sat. Aug. 14.

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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa

Hoan Maru

Sun. August 15.

Tatna

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Letters 5 p.m.

Pres. Hayes

Mon. Aug. 16, 5 p.m.

Yingchow

Mon. Aug. 16, 5 p.m.

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Tues. Aug. 17, 10.30 a.m.

General Metzinger

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Kueichow

Tues. Aug. 17, 2 p.m.

Mishima Maru

Wed. Aug. 18.

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Letters 10.30 a.m.

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Shanghai

Wed. Aug. 18, 5 p.m.

Kutsung

Thurs. Aug. 19, 5 p.m.

Manila

Pres. Cleveland

Fri. Aug. 20, 1.30 p.m.

Shanghai

Fri. Aug. 20, 5 p.m.

Registration 1.45 p.m.

Letters 2.30 p.m.

(Due Marseilles 17th Sept.).

Japan

Tango Maru

Sat. Aug. 21, 9.30 a.m.

Kwangchow

Sat. Aug. 21, 2.30 p.m.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT
ADOPTED BY SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. N. L. Smith presiding. Other members present were Dr. A. G. M. Severn, the Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. J. C. Macgown, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Col. Boylan Smith, Dr. S. C. Ho, and Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (secretary).

The report of the Committee on refuse destruction was laid upon the table by the chairman.

Dr. Koch asked if it would be submitted to the Government.

The Chairman said it would be submitted after it was adopted. All reports to the Board which were adopted were submitted in full to the Government.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin proposed the adoption of the report and Dr. S. C. Ho seconded and it was unanimously adopted.

The Report.

The report follows:

"We were appointed at a meeting of the Board on May 15 to enquire into and report on the question of Refuse Destruction and the possibility of its adoption in Hongkong. We met on June 8 and 10 and July 5 and examined a number of witnesses whose statements we attach hereto.

On a question of capital and recurrent cost we find ourselves unable to give any reliable finding. The figures which were obtained from Singapore, Penang and Kuala Lumpur in 1921 are so divergent as to form no useful basis for an estimate.

On the single question of the cost of fuel required we found an astonishing diversity of opinion. Mr. Perkins in 1921 gave his opinion that the local refuse would require 30 p.c. of its weight in fuel to burn it. This if it means firewood at \$25 a ton would mean an annual expenditure of \$750,000 on fuel alone.

The Cost of Coal.

If it means coal at even \$10 a ton it would mean an annual expenditure of \$300,000. One witness gave his opinion that Hongkong refuse is at least as dry as that burned in a West Indian Colony where, from his personal experience, it is very exceptional.

to have to use any fuel at all.

Another witness told us that the Kuala Lumpur refuse requires no fuel to burn it and appears similar to Hongkong refuse. Another witness with many years experience of Hongkong refuse, told us that Chinese kitchen refuse is very moist and that all the combustible material is extracted before it is thrown on the dust cart.

We therefore recommend that the first preliminary would be for the Government to make a series of tests to determine the calorific properties of the local refuse as an important factor in determining the expense involved.

Chief Considerations.

The present total cost of refuse removal is about \$65,000 per annum, i.e. 58 cents per ton. Apart from the question of expense the chief desiderata in refuse disposal appears to us to be (a) that it should be quick and (b) that it should be thorough. This affects not only the amenities of life but also, to some extent, the avoidance of disease.

From the point of view of thoroughness of disposal incineration must be superior to dumping at sea, as, however well chosen the dumping area, there will always be the risk of some portion of the refuse being washed ashore.

From the point of view of quickness of disposal the present system is defective in typhoon weather, when the barges cannot go to sea, and to a certain extent in normal weather when the barges in process of being filled with refuse have to lie at the dust stations for some hours before being towed to sea.

Longer Hauls.

From another point of view the geographical situation of the Colony makes the present barging system quicker than any alternative system could be, as the hauls through the street are at present short. With a sufficient supply of well-covered refuse lorries, however, we consider that the longer hauls through the streets to an incinerator need not necessarily cause any offence.

In Kowloon a centrally placed incinerator would appear to necessitate very little change in the existing system of refuse collection, though the question of the disposal of the residue (a third of the original bulk of refuse) would need to be carefully thought out if the distance from the sea were considerable.

A Formidable Problem.

In Victoria, which provides 75 p.c. of the total refuse of the Colony, the problem is more formidable in view of the convenience of the existing dust stations along the water front. It is estimated that with an incinerator at each end of the city the number of refuse lorries required would be considerably more than double the number required for the short hauls to the water front.

As we have stated above, any objections to such a scheme would be primarily on the grounds of expense, provided the lorries were well covered. Under the existing system no nuisance arises from the conveyance of refuse through the harbour, but, as has been pointed out, the barging system entails a certain delay in disposal, while the barges are awaiting towage especially in typhoon weather.

Combining Systems.

We have not considered in detail the possibility of combining the existing system of barges with incineration in a remote spot, as the additional expense of such a system would seem to be out of all proportion to any possible benefits gained.

Such a system is said to be at Osaka for the disposal of part of its refuse, but it is to be supposed that there are insuperable objections to dumping the refuse at sea.

We have not considered it within the scope of the present enquiry to go deeply into the question of utilising incinerators for producing power, as this is purely an engineering problem which is intimately connected with the question of the calorific properties of the local refuse to which reference has already been made.

Pumping Sea Water.

If it is an economical possibility we would favour the suggestion to use such power for the purpose of pumping sea water to a level from which it could be used for various purposes so that the supply of the reservoir water could be correspondingly conserved.

Apart from the question of disposal with which we have already dealt and in which the present system is in our opinion to a certain extent deficient we would revert to the question of thoroughness of disposal in which respect the present system would appear at first sight to be so greatly inferior to incineration.

This resolves itself into the question of how far the present dumping at sea finally disposes of the refuse. We were given



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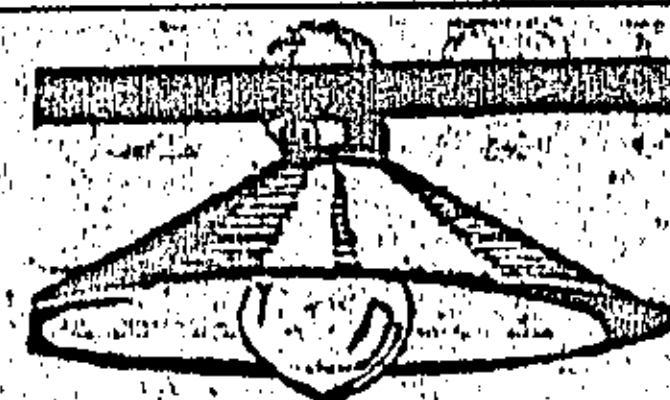
evidence that only a small percentage of the refuse can float and that the dumping ground has been selected after a series of elaborate tests with floats which seemed to prove that it would be almost impossible for any considerable amount of refuse to drift ashore except at the eastern beach of Cheung Chau and a few parts of Lantau Island.

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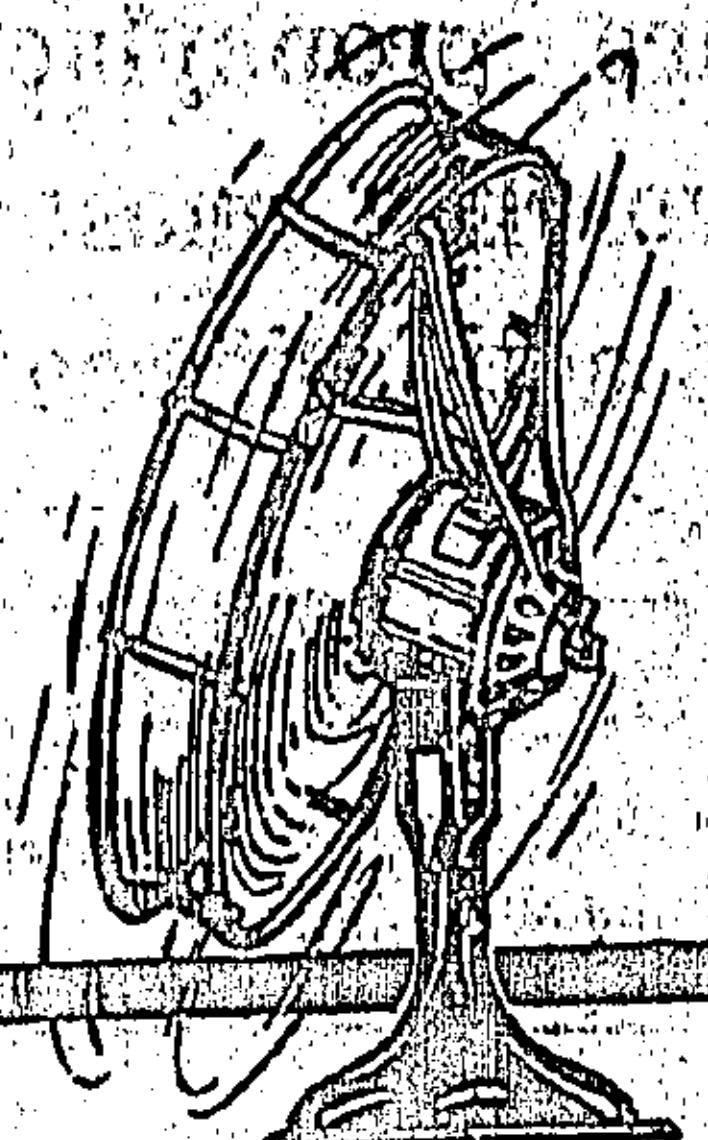
As the whole question of incineration must to a great extent depend on this important point we would suggest that the Government should verify the conclusions said to have been previously arrived at by a further series of careful tests with numbered floats at all states of the tide both at the present dumping ground and at any alternative site which might appear likely to be a better one.

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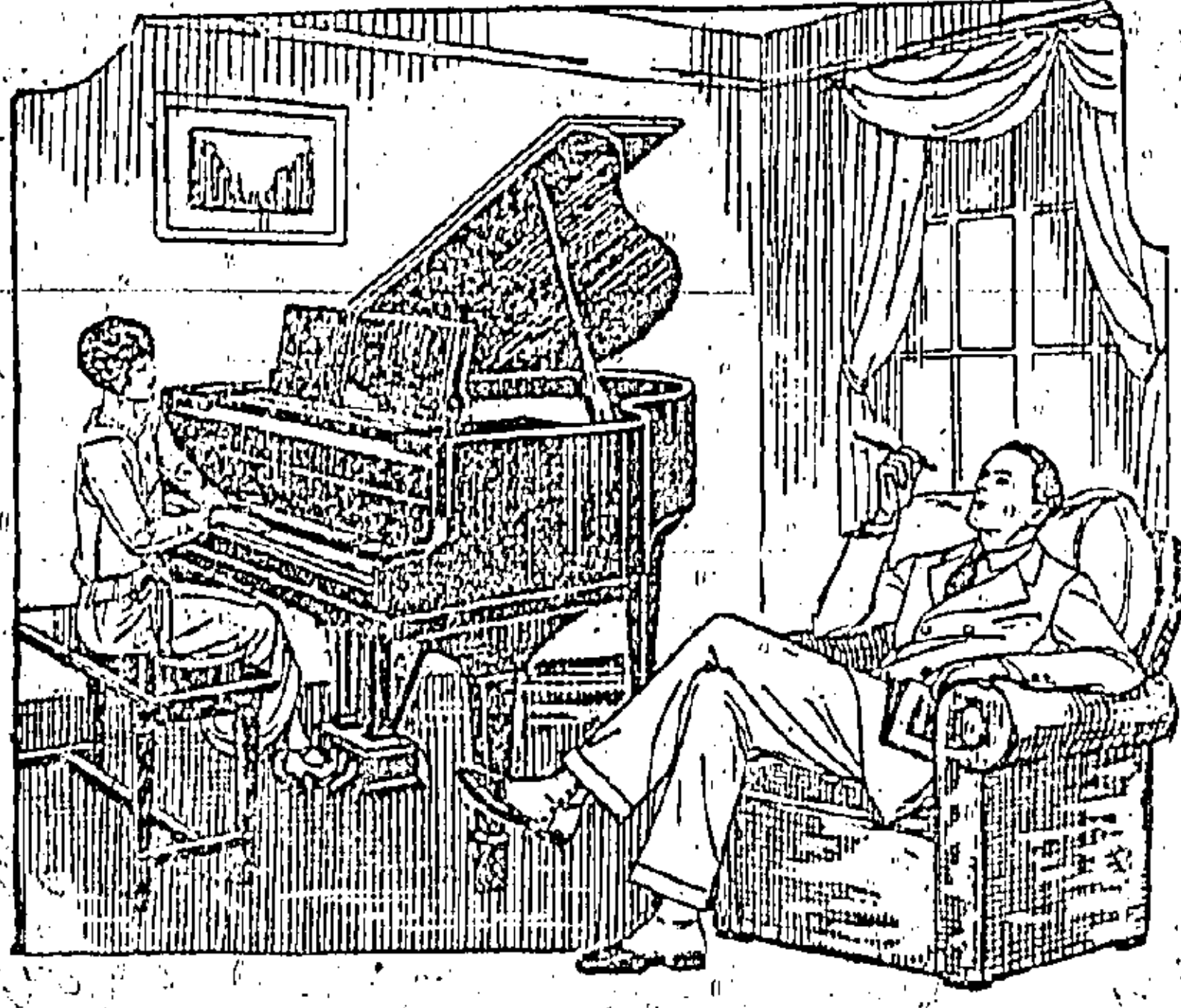
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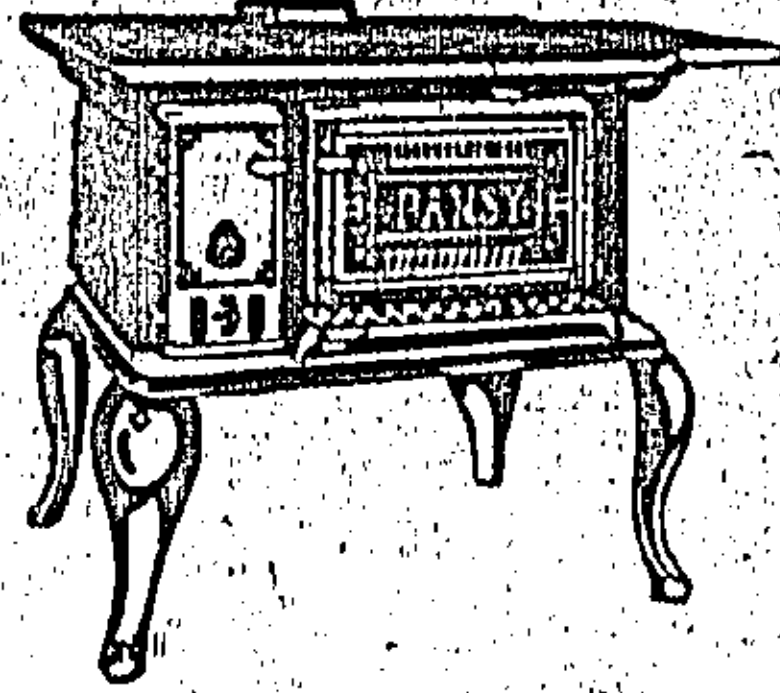
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OUR J. P.'S.

Arising out of the recent election of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Legislative Council, a reader has enquired how this Colony came to have J. P.'s and what functions they are expected to discharge. We have been to some trouble to look up past records in these regards, and we find a deal that is interesting and informative on the points raised. Under the Charter of the Colony, the Governor was empowered to appoint Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace and other necessary officials for the due and impartial administration of justice, and it is under that authority that J. P.'s are still chosen locally. It is interesting to recall that the first batch of forty-four, described as "leading inhabitants," were appointed in 1843, and there was some surprise expressed at the time that so many should be named, in view of the fact that at that time there were only twenty-eight police officers in the Colony.

As to the status of the J. P.'s, it would appear from a study of Mr. Norton Kyshe's history of the Courts of the Colony that from the very earliest days there has been considerable divergence of opinion on the point. In 1846, dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the performance of duties by magistrates, and it was suggested that a better method would be to select honorary Justices from leading residents to sit on the Bench. Three years later, something in this direction was done, for under the Petty Sessions Ordinance it was laid down that the magistrate was to sit alone on five days of the week, but that on the sixth, a Petty Sessions, Justices of the Peace could sit with him if they desired. This appeared to have established the rights of J. P.'s to take part in the administration of Justice (as would seem to have been intended under the terms of the Colony's Charter), but the position still remained in doubt, with the result that the Justices of the Peace sent a deputation to the then Governor to ascertain more clearly their duties, but they were informed that, whilst they could sit on the Bench with the magistrate, they could not interfere with his decisions. So far as we can

gather, there has since been no movement for the participation of Justices of the Peace in Police Court work, and it is interesting to note that the Petty Sessions Ordinance did not remain in force later than 1862.

Regarding the right of the Justices of the Peace to elect a member to the Legislative Council, we find that the first Unofficial Members of the Council were chosen from this quarter. It was in 1850 that the Governor called the J. P.'s together and informed them that the Home Government had sanctioned the admission of two members of the civil community to the Legislative Council. The nomination of these members rested with the Governor, but he expressed the opinion that it would be better if the Justices of the Peace made the selection. Accordingly, the J. P.'s chose two of their number, and Mr. D. Jardine and Mr. J. F. Edger were the Colony's first Unofficial Members of the Council. Since that time, the number of Unofficials has been increased, but the J. P.'s now only nominate one member. Such, in brief, is the history of Hongkong's Justices of the Peace. Nowadays they do not take any active part in the administration, although they are entitled to visit the Gaol and Asylum on inspection duty, we believe. They perform another useful function, however, in attesting documents requiring the signatures of Justices of the Peace.

India's Troubles.

It is pleasing to note that the new Viceroy of India, Lord Irwin, has taken early opportunity of assailing and disproving the ridiculous statement which gained currency during and after the communal Government with more or less indifference because that was the kind of thing that would inevitably delay the granting of further political powers to the bulk of the Indian people. On July 17th, His Excellency the Viceroy addressed the members of the Chelmsford Club at Delhi in which he declared that the great mass of sober Indian opinion still knew it could rely on Britain's pledged word in connection with the promise to give India self-government, but the British Government recognised from the outset that harmony between the two great communities—Hindus and Moslems—was an essential condition of its attainment. That attitude was shared by leaders of Indian opinion who had again and again confessed their belief that communal harmony was an essential condition of its attainment. Lord Irwin went on to issue the very sound warning that if the reality of communal antagonism should permanently prove more powerful than the hope of an all-Indian patriotism the foundations upon which they sought to build would be rudely shaken and British genius would be defeated. The charge that had been made that the Government regarded the troubles with indifference was in palpable conflict with the facts of everyday life as known by millions throughout the length and breadth of the land. The speech concluded with an appeal to the recognised leaders of both the antagonistic communities to co-operate to rescue the good name of India from the hurt which their present discords are inflicting upon it. Whether that advice will bear the full results that it should we shall have to wait to discover, but there has been a welcome lull in the struggle of violence, and it may be that the leaders in Calcutta have been able to influence their various factions on the side of moderate conduct.

London, July 16.—"I know these little beggars and to think that one of them may easily cause a thousand deaths," exclaimed the Prince of Wales, opening the Ross Institute of Tropical Diseases when he chatted with Miss Joan Marshall, aged 19, who was in sole charge of the cages containing mosquitoes for research purposes. His Royal Highness was intensely interested in the insects and was surprised to learn that Miss Marshall actually handled them.

DAY BY DAY.

IF I OWE SMITH TEN DOLLARS, AND GOD FORGIVES ME, THAT DOESN'T PAY SMITH.—R. G. Ingersoll.

We have received some useful desk blotters from the Western Union Telegraph Company.

A Canton report states that the "June 23rd Road" on the Shikao Bund is to be officially opened on the 14th inst.

Comm. Boatwain W. H. Phillips has been appointed to H.M.S. Titania, and Boatwain J. A. Farrell to H. M. S. Ambrose, as from August 16.

It is reported by British wireless that there was lightning and a heavy storm over Rugby station last night, but, despite this fact, the official news service was received in Hongkong.

Sir Newton Stabb was admitted a member of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at a meeting of the Council of the Society held at the House of Commons on July 12th.

Amongst the passengers expected from Shanghai on the President McKinley to-day, is Mrs. Y. K. Chow, wife of Mr. Y. K. Chow, of the Kailan Mining Administration, Tientsin, and daughter-in-law of Sir Shouson Chow.

Passengers arriving from Vancouver and the north yesterday by s.s. Empress of Asia, included Mr. A. G. Bailey and family, Mrs. M. R. Botelho, Mr. J. P. Bourne, Mr. S. Komor, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. M. Maunick, and Mrs. A. L. Shields.

I wish to dissociate myself, individually and officially, from anything that will degrade the House of Commons in the eyes of the country, or that will in any way whatever diminish the freedom of speech.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald M.P.

Commander A. R. Smithwick, D.S.O., who has begun duty in the Department of the Director of Navigation commanded the sloop Bluebell in China for two years prior to February last, and during the war was navigator of the cruisers Sappho and Roxburgh and the battleship Malaya.

Sir Henry H. J. Gompertz, formerly Puisne Judge in Hongkong, whose name appeared in the recent Birthday Honours list, was among those who had the honour of Knighthood conferred upon them at an investiture by the King at Buckingham Palace on July 13th.

Among those summoned to the third Court at Buckingham Palace on July 7th were Lady Swettenham, who presented Mrs. Stewart Brown, Mrs. Beauchamp Nelthorpe, and Mrs. Basil Taylor, wife of Captain Basil Taylor, R.N., a former harbour-master of Hongkong, who presented her daughter, Miss Kenlis Taylor.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended August 7th shows one Chinese imported case of cholera (fatal), two Chinese cases of diphtheria, three Chinese cases of enteric fever (all fatal) and one British case of paratyphoid fever. There were two deaths from influenza. In the return for the 24 hours ended August 9th there was one Chinese case of enteric fever.

Among the passengers on board disembarking here from the Empress of Asia were Mrs. A. M. Block and daughter of Chicago, on the round trip; Mr. J. P. Hardy of Burns Philp and Co., of Sydney, who is returning to Australia from London; Mr. J. H. Harris, a Director of Anthony Hordern and Sons of Sydney, taking the same route; Miss H. Holverstadt, a missionary en route for duty in Honam; and Miss D. Gauld, joining her father, a missionary in Formosa.

The Chinese arrested in connection with the attempted highway robbery committed in Waterloo Road early yesterday morning, when an Indian constable was waylaid and assaulted, appeared before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and was remanded for one week. It is alleged that two men stopped the constable at about 5 a.m. yesterday, and, after assaulting him, they disarmed him, before departing. One of the men was later arrested and the missing revolver recovered.

DEFENCE CORPS GROOMS.

QUARRELS LEAD TO ASSAULT

A story of an assault in which the Indian head-groom in the employ of the Mounted Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps was the victim, was told at the Police Court this morning in connection with the charging of four other Indian grooms.

C. S. M. Charles said that the head-groom was in the responsible position of being left to hire or discharge the grooms at his own discretion; and their wages, which were on monthly terms, were paid to them through him.

Mr. Charles for a long time had been aware that the head groom was regarded with great enmity by the other grooms, and there had been attacks made with a view to rendering his job untenable by making things unpleasant for him. In the incident complained of, he was the object of a combined attack by the defendant, and a timely rescue was carried out by a Mr. Kotewall and Mr. Young Hee who happened to be passing the locality.

Mr. Charles also stated that previous to this incident the head groom came to him to ask what should be done with a groom, who was one of the men then being charged. Through disobedience to orders he had caused one of the ponies to be injured by barbed wire. Mr. Charles told the head-groom to discharge the offender if he wanted to.

Later, replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Charles said that was the first time he had heard it mentioned that the head-groom was in the habit of extorting "squeeze," by deducting \$3 from each man's pay. If that were true, it should not have been permitted.

One of the defendants said he had been induced by the head-groom to leave his employment as a police-guard to be a groom. He was then told by the other grooms that the head-groom would deduct \$3 from his pay, and he objected to this. In an argument, the head-groom used abusive language and this was indicated by the defendant to have been the cause of the assault.

All the defendants pleaded guilty to the charge and they were each sentenced to seven days' hard labour without the option of a fine. They were further ordered to sign a bond of \$100 to keep the peace for a year.

PREHISTORIC PIPPINS.

ANCESTORS IN ASPIC.

[By "CYNICUS"]

What a long time it has taken to introduce an alternative theory to Darwinism! At long last, Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose assures us that "plants have hearts and nervous systems, while the South China Morning Post believes that Sir J.C.B.'s discoveries 'tend to substantiate the theory of evolution from the earth through plant life.'"

Personally, I've always felt that there was something the matter with the "monkey theory." It was too one-sided, because even if we humans do occasionally stoop to monkey tricks, there is surely something else in life. Furthermore, would it not be natural to find a connecting link in our family names?

Assuming that my ancestors happened to be a packet of mixed herbs, there is an immediate explanation for my characteristically sage remarks. Not only that, but human beings in general do emphatically portray a convincing similarity to plant life. The lanky, forlorn individual is immediately recognised by the term "weedy"—while such other terms as "fruity," "knutty," or "spicy" at once identify a certain species of either human or plant life.

Then there's the person with a face "as sour as a lemon" and the Repulse Bay snapper who is just as "sweet as a peach." Alas the Sergeant-Major who "gingers up the troops," as approved by a popery old Colonel.

As I have always maintained. If we are descended from animals, why hasn't animal nomenclature descended with us? On the other hand, one only has to think of such names as Berry, Orchard, Hazel, Elms, Gerken, Greenhill, Marsh, Greenwood, Grove, Reed, Hay, or such Christian names as Rose, Lily, Daisy, Violet, Olive, etc., to witness the association between us and plants. The only thing that worries me at the moment is, what sort of a plant did Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose germinate from?

An aeroplane, when leaving the Air Force came at Weston Zoyland Bridge, Somerset, struck and wrecked a motor-car and fatally injured Miss Vera Clare, aged nineteen, of Langport who was in the car. The aeroplane was wrecked, and Fredk. William Miller, the mechanic, also received fatal injuries.

The Very Idea!

Women are inquisitive. They simply will not believe a thing unless it is true. Not unless they are unable to believe it.

Consider one Chicago girl. A man gave her the ring. The stone was almost large enough to be an imitation. He spent money freely. She thought she loved him. One night they were at a road house. "Marry me now," said he. "No," said the girl. "Let's wait. If you love me enough to live with me always, you love me enough to wait a few months."

It was her intuition. Later the police learned he had three wives.

"Children," said a teacher, "be diligent and honest, and you will succeed. Take the case of George Washington. Do you remember my telling you of the great difficulty George Washington had to contend with?"

"Yes, ma'am," said a little boy. "He couldn't tell a lie."

She grabbed her golf club, took a swing, and then, that isn't all. She had to swing again because her first shot missed the ball.

Doctor: Do you suffer from thirst?
Patient: Yes, thanks!

Magistrate: Have you any witnesses?
Woman: No, I am penniless, and could not "supreme" any one.

He was a travelling agent of the most aggressive type, and he seemed determined to sell his "line" to the housewife.

"Our machines are the finest on the market," he persisted. "Of course, you may say that you are unable to use a machine. I will remove that objection in two lessons. I will call upon you tomorrow."

When the agent called the next day, the door was opened by a burly man who inquired, "Are you the agent who called yesterday?" "Yes," was the reply. "Well, I'm busy, the undertaker. Our coffins are the finest on the market. Of course, you may say that you are scarcely qualified for a coffin, but I will remove that objection in less than ten seconds."

But the agent had fled.

"I have had many disappointments in my life," confided the tall man to his friends at the club, "but none stands out like the one that came to me when I was a boy. I had crawled under a tent to see the circus, and I discovered it was a revivalist meeting!"

One sure way of getting your name in the paper is to devise some new method of getting married. Wedding ceremonies have been performed in aeroplanes, on boats, by wireless and beside deathbeds.

A couple in West Virginia recently were married in a taxicab, the ceremony being performed to the merry tune of the clicking meter. It causes one to wonder whether the strain of listening to the costly clicking wasn't a little too much to impose on a nervous, blushing groom. A marriage ceremony usually is a deliberate, impressive thing, but the chances are this young benedict breathed a sign of relief when the thing was well over.

WILL BE IGNORED.

LETTER IS DECLARED
IRREGULAR.

CLEMENCEAU REPROVED.

New York, Aug. 10. In a leader on M. Clemenceau's letter to President Coolidge, the *New York Times* says that nobody knows better than M. Clemenceau that his action in appealing to President Coolidge is most irregular. M. Clemenceau cannot be ignorant that from the merely legal viewpoint he lays himself open to a crushing refutation as regards the promissory notes. France gave them by the order of M. Clemenceau himself. The paper points out, however, that what must be considered is the fact that M. Clemenceau's utterances undoubtedly express the prevailing sentiment of the great majority of the French people to the United States.

It concludes by asking that when France has ratified the debt settlement, ought not Americans to open their eyes to the need of a general reconsideration and readjustment of war debts before many years have passed? "That idea is evidently winning more acceptance in this country among those who have given their minds to the real significance in the long run of war debts and there is no doubt that its spread will be hastened by the irregular but impressive words of M. Clemenceau." *Reuter's American Service.*

OTHER VIEWS.

New York, Aug. 10. Although the leader in the *New York Times* is tactful and conciliatory, the general opinion among the newspapers is that the United States will ignore the Clemenceau letter, and the opinions informally expressed by President Coolidge more or less represent the general feeling of the country.

Even the Democratic *World* takes this view, its special correspondent at Washington declaring that officials contemplate that no reply will be addressed to a letter which it describes as a bit of French politics. It adds that sooner or later officials hope the French people will learn that there is no hope that the United States will revise the debt compact.

The *World* adds that the letter is only calculated to enhance the bitterness of the French against the United States, while it cannot effect the question to which it is directed. *Reuter's American Service.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

\$12,000 VOTE ASKED FOR.

The financial votes to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow will include one for a sum of \$12,000 to defray the cost of internal repairs to Government House.

Extensive renewals of the electrical wiring at Government House are necessary, and as this cannot be done without damaging the walls, it is considered expedient and economical to carry out the general overhaul internally of the building which is due this year. The electrical engineer reports that the existing wiring is in a dangerous condition and should be renewed at once.

A sum of \$2,000 will also be asked for the upkeep and running expenses of H.E. the Governor's motor cars. This sum, being approximately two-thirds of the estimated cost of running and maintaining His Excellency's private cars during the current year, is asked for with the sanction of the Secretary of State, as representing the cost of transport of the Governor and staff in their official capacity.

MARINE COURT.

TO-DAY'S CASES.

At the Marine Court to-day, Lieut. Commr. G. F. Holt imposed a fine of \$15, or fifteen days' imprisonment in default, on the master of a trading junk, which was under way without carrying regulation lights. For mooring inshore during prohibited hours, another boatman was fined \$5.

LATEST CHINESE WAR
REPORTS.FURTHER NEWS OF GENERAL
CHANG.

KIANGSI NEEDS HELP.

General Chang Kai-shek reported to the Canton Government his arrival at Lai Young on the 7th instant. He is proceeding at once by water to Hanchow, where he expects to arrive on the 8th instant. Here the second Field Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief is established, and a system of wireless telephone with all the units of the Revolutionary Armies in the field is in operation.

It is reported that a part of the 6th Army Corps, under the command of General Ching Chim, has taken up positions in the south-eastern part of Kiangsi in order to intercept the forces which may be sent by Fukien to assist Kiangsi. It is further reported that Tang Yu-tek has despatched urgent telegrams to Wu Pei-fu and Sun Chuan-fang for reinforcements and more supplies of arms and ammunition, as the situation in Kiangsi is becoming more critical. But as Fan Chung-sow, who was previously reported to have succeeded from Wu Pei-fu, is now holding the section of the Hankow-Peking Railway above Cheng Chow, Ko Ying-jit must quell the insurgents before he can reinforce Kiangsi. The only alternative for Wu Pei-fu is to despatch reinforcements to Kiangsi by water.

It remains to be seen to what extent Sun Chuan-fang will be able to render aid in order to prevent Nanchang from falling into the hands of the Revolutionary Armies.

ADVERSE VOTE.

MINERS REJECT BISHOPS'
PROPOSALS.

London, August 10. The result of the miners' voting by districts on the Bishops' proposals, for the settlement of the dispute is that the proposals have been rejected. *Reuter.*

NO VOTING DETAILS.

Rugby, August 10. Contrary to the expectations of the newspapers the district votes in the mining areas, which were considered to-day at the meeting of the Miners' Federation Executive in London, disclosed a majority against the proposals for the settlement of the coal dispute which had been advanced by the Industrial Christian Fellowship and approved by the Miners Executive. The statement issued at the close of the meeting gave no details of the voting. It merely stated that the decision reported from the districts was against the recommendations of the last delegate conference and added that the Executive had decided to call another delegate conference of their members on Monday next to give a report of this voting to them. *British Wireless.*

PEAK HOSPITAL.

AN EXPECTED DEFICIT.

It is explained in a minute to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow that when the Peak Hospital was taken over financially by the Government at the beginning of the year it was thought possible to make payment of salaries and other expenditure out of receipts. It has, however, been decided that gross receipts must be paid into revenue and expenditure must be charged against the votes for such expenditure passed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

At their meeting to-morrow the Finance Committee will be asked for a vote of \$9,000. The estimated expenditure of the Peak Hospital for 1926 was \$34,782, and it was anticipated that the revenue would amount to \$25,000, thus showing a deficit of \$9,782. The result of the first six months working shows that there will probably be a saving of \$1,000 on this estimated expenditure. At the same time, however, the receipts have not reached expectations and these are now put down at \$20,000. The revised estimate of expenditure for the year is \$33,640 and with the revenue \$20,000, the anticipated deficit at the end of the year is \$13,640.

PUBLIC FUNDS.

COUNCIL ASKED FOR
ONE LAKH.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

Supplementary expenditure to the extent of over \$100,000 will be considered by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at to-morrow's meeting. The various items include a vote of \$10,000 under Port Works, Extraordinary, to provide additional protection to the foundations of the Eastern return of the quay wall at North Point, and levelling of 'bell mill' rubble slopes.

Certain protective works at the eastern extremity of the quay wall were authorised in 1925, and it was anticipated that the work would be completed by the end of the year. Consequently no provision was made in the 1926 Estimates. It has been found, however, to carry out certain work this year and the amount now requested is to meet the expenditure involved. The increase is due to the desirability of extending the rubble mound eastwards. The decision has been formed after a careful consideration of the Harbour Development Consulting Engineers' Report on the actual construction of the quay wall.

Although the amount actually required now is \$4,400, a sum of \$10,000 is requested to cover the further expenditure that will be incurred to complete the work.

SHEK LAI PUI RESERVOIR.

A vote of \$18,000 is asked for in connection with the Shek Lai Pui Reservoir and contingent works.

There was an unexpended balance in 1925 of \$32,272.34 which could not be utilised owing to the poor progress maintained by the contractors, and more work had therefore to be done in 1926 than was anticipated when the estimate of \$10,000 was framed.

Authorisation of a vote of \$2,000 for metalling and tar painting the hilly portion of the Lai Chi Kok-Castle Peak and Tai Koo roads will be sought.

By the 1925 Estimates the sum of \$30,000 was provided, but, on account of conditions following the strike, operations were considerably curtailed, and no provision was made for continuing the work this year. The amount now asked for represents the retention money on the contract. Original estimate, \$30,000; amount spent to December, 1925, \$16,876.74.

SHING MUN SCHEME.

A vote of \$15,000 is requested in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Scheme, with special reference to the access road to Pineapple Pass.

A sum of \$10,854.54 was unexpended in 1925 owing to the poor progress made by the contractor. The sum of \$10,000 voted for 1926 was intended for payment of retention money only. The upper portion of the road was constructed on a better alignment than was originally intended which involved more excavation.

Owing to the dangers of flooding from neighbouring paddy fields it was found necessary to construct catchwaters not previously anticipated. In addition a large portion of the road surface was tar-painted during 1925 and paid out of 1925 vote and it will be necessary to repeat this process over the whole road surface during 1926. No tar painting was allowed for in the original estimate. The money now asked for should be sufficient to cover all expenses.

DETECTIVE ARRESTED.

The Committee is asked to vote a sum of \$1,250 to detective P. C. Mak Po Tai, who was sent to Canton on duty, and on June 28th, 1925, was arrested and detained by strikers in Canton. He was severely assaulted and lost his watch and clothing. He was taken over from the strikers by the Police Department in Canton and detained until 28th February, 1926, when he was sent to Macao. He had thus been a prisoner for eight months, and suffered severely at the beginning of his detention as a result of ill-treatment. He was attended daily by a Chinese doctor for between two and three months, and was supplied with Chinese medicine. He was obliged to borrow money for food, medicine and comforts from friends, and relatives including members of the Police Department in Canton. His friends also expended certain sums with a view to securing better treatment for him.

In addition to these expenses it

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ITALY AND SPAIN.

NEW TREATY CONCLUDED.

Rugby, August 10. British newspapers devote considerable space to despatches from their Rome correspondents recording the signature in Madrid, on August 7th, of a Treaty of Friendship and Conciliation and a judicial settlement of disputes between Italy and Spain.

The Italian press is quoted as stating that the Treaty is a document of over a dozen clauses, roughly comparable with Italy's existing Treaties with Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, but ranging over a considerably wider area and having reference to the interests of Italy and Spain in the Mediterranean and South America, particularly the former.

It has been announced that the text will not be published at present, but that one clause provides for the neutrality of either signatory in the event of the other being the victim of an unprovoked attack. The Treaty, according to an Italian announcement, will eventually be registered with the League of Nations. *British Wireless.*

is considered reasonable to allow him compensation. A sum of \$247.70 has therefore been added, making a total of \$1,250.

OTHER VOTES.

Other votes asked for are:—\$1,000 to the Sanitary Department, to cover transport facilities for gangs, employed in special anti-malarial measures, and for the unforeseen expense incurred in feeding suspected rabid dogs.

\$500 to the Fire Brigade, to cover repairs to lift, dental treatment, for the Superintendent and expense incidental to removal to New Fire Station.

\$1,300 for mosquito-proofing Police Stations in the New Territories.

\$6,000 to cover underestimated cost of construction of access road to the War Memorial Nursing Home, Stubbs Road.

\$3,000 for the erection of three automatic self-recording tide gauges.

\$65 to cover the salary of an additional messenger in the service of H. E. the Governor until the end of the year. It has been found that the work cannot be adequately carried out by the three

LAUNCH SINKS.

COLLISION WITH PING
ON WHARF.

Endeavouring to berth alongside the Ping On wharf in the early hours of yesterday morning, the steam launch *Wing Fook* collided heavily with the pier and sank within two hours.

The accident, which appears to have been due to an error of judgment, occurred at about 2 a.m. After striking the wharf it was discovered that the launch was making water rapidly. The crew worked on the pumps but were forced to abandon her after making little progress for an hour and a half.

Later yesterday, the launch was raised, and she now lies in dock at Shamshui.

GERMAN
REPARATIONS.

REVISED FIGURES.

Paris, August 10. Revised German reparations figures show that the receipts in gold marks during July were 98,028,000, making a total revenue for the eleven months of the second Dawes year of 1,010,074,000 marks, to which must be added the balance at the end of August, 1925, of 107,013,000, making the total cash available 1,117,087,000 marks from the July payments. The amounts received by the various countries are as cabled yesterday. *Reuter.*

Budapest, June 30.—The city of Budapest is considering the offer of an English company to build 300 apartment houses four storeys high in Taban, one of the oldest parts of Buda, where buildings three or four hundred years old are still to be seen. For forty years the houses would remain the property of the company, which would be responsible for their upkeep, after which they would revert to the city of Budapest. If the offer is accepted it should prove profitable to both parties; material and labour are cheap in Hungary, and in spite of the urgent need for house-room lack of capital prevents any considerable enterprise being undertaken by companies in the country itself.

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CHURCH AND STATE.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT QUIESCENT.

Mexico City, Aug. 10.
Tranquillity prevailed everywhere at the beginning of the second week of the religious deadlock.

No move has hitherto been made to nationalise the few Government churches in the country, notwithstanding the Government's proclaimed intention to deal with Protestant churches similarly to the Catholic.
—*Reuter's American Service.*

AN EARTHY PARADISE.

VISION OF SIR OLIVER LODGE.

Sir Oliver Lodge has a vision of a Paradise on earth, which some of the younger people of the present generation may live to see, and he mentioned it at a meeting of men at Whitefield's Tabernacle recently, when he spoke of the "Problems of Existence."

In that day, said Sir Oliver, humanity would not quarrel, but would set to work to help each other, and the world would be beautiful again.

He had been impressed in several ways of late with the belief that we were turning the tide and that important things were seriously going to improve.

The war and the recent industrial upheaval had tested us. "We are not yet out of the wood, but we are beginning to see daylight," said Sir Oliver.

Existence itself was a great mystery. We were just carrying on in our day and generation what he felt to be a long-thought-out plan and design. What were the plan and design? The material universe he found to be a recurrent thing. He found energy passing through matter to other and back again continuously. They saw worlds coming into existence in the birth of stars.

Loom of Universe.

What were all the worlds for? What was this great planet we lived on for?

Do not think it is an end in itself," he counselled. "These great masses of matter we see in the universe are instruments, machines with some objective. The physical world progresses, advances towards something nobler and better, constantly improving. That is evolution."

"From this great loom of God's universe progresses the soul of humanity—and of countless other beings of other worlds, of whom at present we know nothing. Scientifically we cannot say that they are inhabited, but we may feel sure they are in some form or another—perhaps by beings much higher or lower than ourselves."

"There is no limit to the destiny in store for each individual. Be not afraid of your destiny. Welcome it. The human race has not been long in existence on this planet. Astronomers think this was about 1,000 millions of years old, and it may have hundreds of millions of years of life yet."

HUMAN "SAFES."

SMUGGLED GEMS SOLD IN EUROPE.

Thousands of pounds are lost annually by the diamond producers of South Africa, owing to a European organisation for illicit traffic in diamonds.

This traffic, which is highly organised and is controlled by a gang of international criminals in Europe, is becoming one of the chief problems of the mining companies, to-day.

The traffic has become so extensive that Sir David Harris, president of the New Jagersfontein Mining Company, stated at the annual meeting of the company in Kimberley, that vigilance must be redoubled if the company were not to lose money in consequence of the cleverly-laid traps of this organisation.

"During the existence of the industry," he stated, "many millions sterling have been lost in this way, and producers continue to suffer severely."

"It is a penal offence for a workman to be found in possession of a diamond on the mining fields, but despite this diamonds are continually stolen from the mines."

"The illicit diamond buying organisation," a London member of a large mining corporation said to a *Daily Express* representative, "is ready to offer such bribes for diamond smuggling that natives have been known to cut a hole in their flesh and conceal the diamond within."

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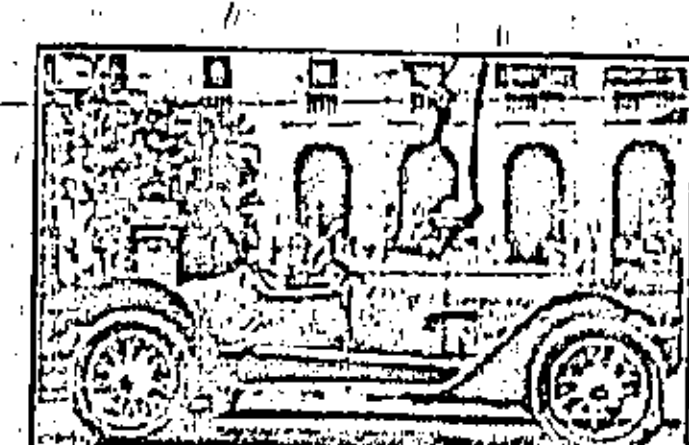
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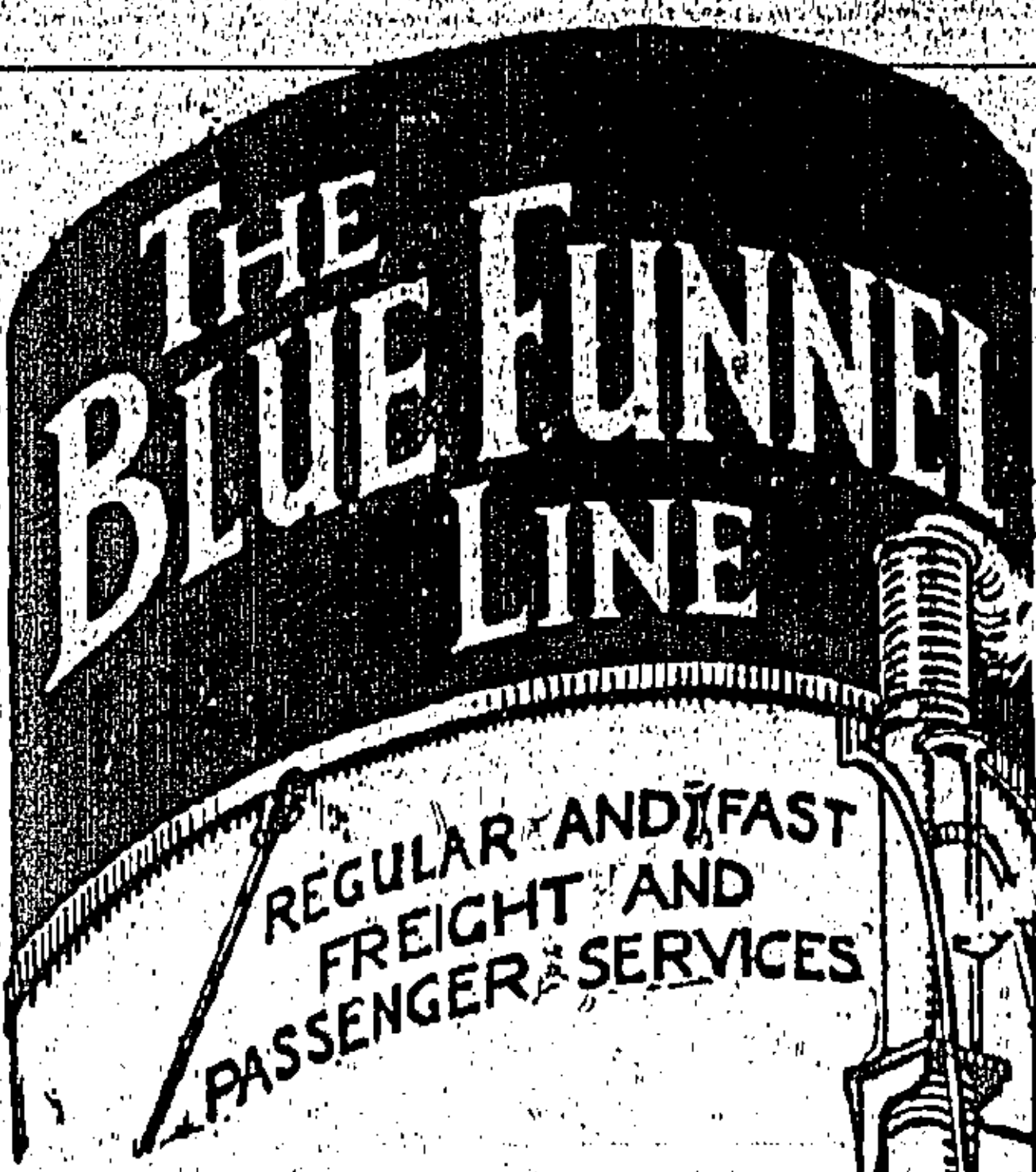
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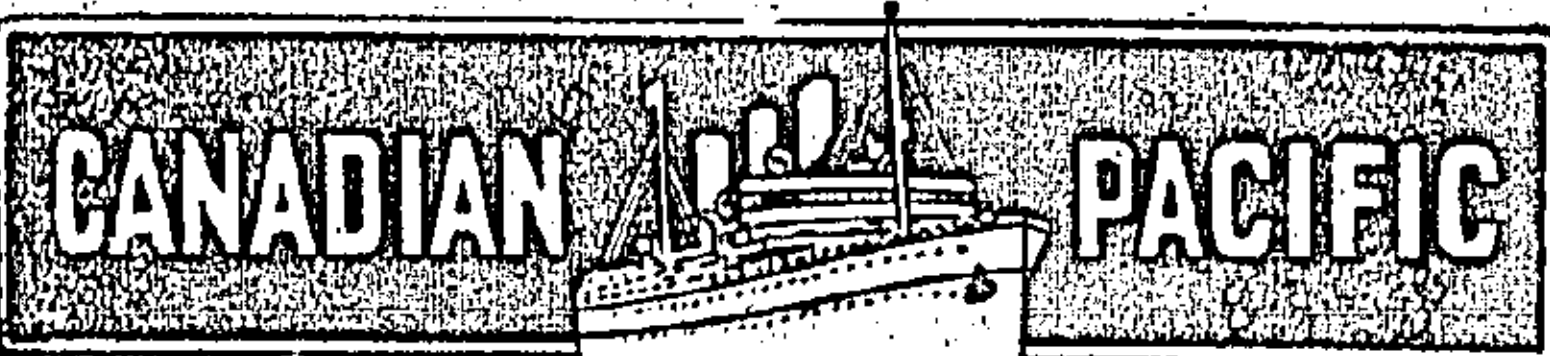
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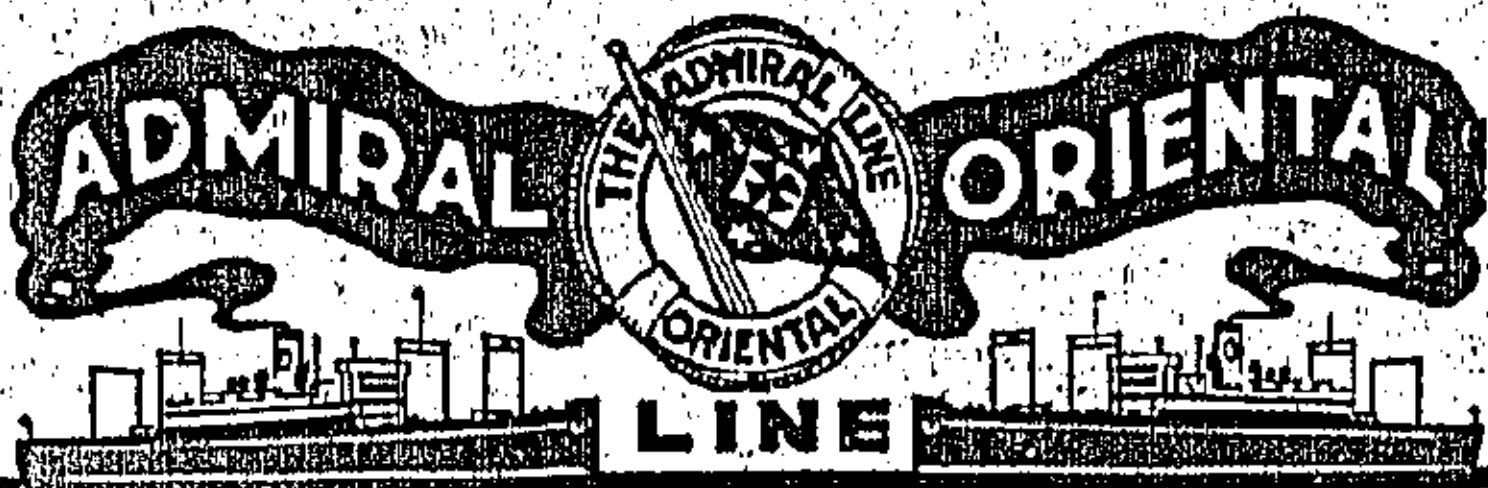
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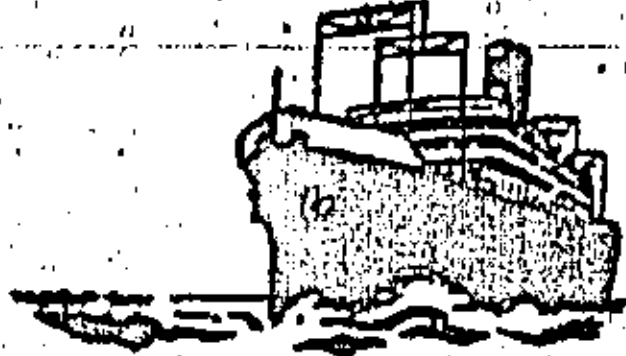
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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays of Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week. No First Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by—

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Damaged packages must left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesday and Friday, at 2.30 p.m. with the free storage period.

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 Hongkong, 8th August 1926.

OLD LARCENIES.

LOCAL SOLICITOR'S WEDDING PRESENT STOLEN.

Three very old larcenies were mentioned at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when Wong Shek-lam, a house coolie, was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Hill, with (1) stealing \$350 belonging to Mr. A. Thomson, of the Tai Tam Tuk Reservoir; (2) stealing a silver cigarette case, the property of Mr. G. R. Haywood, a local solicitor, with the alternative charge of receiving the same knowing the same to have been stolen, or unlawfully obtained and (3) stealing a gold wristlet watch from Mr. Haywood's mother-in-law, there, also being an alternative charge of receiving.

Mr. Thomson, said that he had formerly employed the defendant as house coolie at Tai Tam Tuk. Sometime in October, 1924, he absconded and it was later discovered that a sum of \$350 had disappeared. The money had been left on the bed.

During the afternoon the money disappeared, witness was at the pumping station when the defendant asked permission to go to Hongkong in order to engage a "boy." He was allowed to go, and after he had gone the money was missed.

In answer to Sergeant Cunningham, who conducted the case for the Police, witness said that he had no other servants on the premises.

Replying to a question put by the defendant as to the possibilities of mistaken identity, witness said that he was certain of his identification.

A Wedding Present.

Mr. Haywood gave formal evidence of identification of the cigarette case and the gold watch belonging to his mother-in-law. The cigarette case was given to him as a wedding present by Mr. M. W. Lo and he recognised it by a dent.

Mrs. V. C. Haywood stated that the defendant was employed by her mother at Derrington House in December last but he had been dismissed the following month.

In answer to the defendant Mrs. Haywood said that she was aware that her mother, who was at present in England, had lost the watch and knew that she attached much importance to the article as she has had her initials put on the back.

The defendant pleaded that during the period he was alleged to have been in the employ of Mr. Thomson, he was engaged as a tailor in Wanchai. He was never in the services of the first complainant.

Regarding the second and third charges, defendant said that he had picked up the cigarette case in one of the lodgers' rooms, while the watch was given to him by the owner (then Mrs. Searle), who gave it to him before she left at the end of December.

His Worship: What, as a parting gift?

Defendant: She said that it was a cumshaw.

His Worship: You thought it was a reward for your services?

A MYSTERY OF FIFTY YEARS.

TRUE STORY OF THE MARIE CELESTE.

The July number of "Chambers's Journal" contains, under the signature of "Lee Kays," what offered as "the true story of the Brig Marie Celeste, and an exact and complete explanation of the mystery which has hung round her name." The case of the Marie Celeste is one of the most famous of sea mysteries, and hitherto no satisfactory solution had been found. All accounts of the story state that the Marie Celeste was sighted in the Atlantic on December 7, 1872, under a full spread of canvas, and was found to have no life on board, although none of her boats had been launched, and she had many signs of very recent occupation, such as cups of tea, still lukewarm, poured out and ready for consumption. The present solution of the affair is given on the authority of Mr. John Pemberton, who was cook upon the ship, and who survives at the age of seventy-seven.

It is explained that the Marie Celeste sailed from New York for Genoa with a cargo of railway timber and whale oil, another vessel, the Dei Gratia, being chartered to carry a surplus of oil which the Marie Celeste could not carry. The Dei Gratia also lent three of her men to complete the crew of the Marie Celeste, which carried ten souls in all, including the captain's wife. During the voyage the captain's wife met with a fatal accident, and the captain went out of his mind and disappeared—believed to have jumped overboard. Considerable drunkenness followed, and in a quarrel one man was pushed overboard and drowned. When close off San Marta, the mate and two others went ashore in a bum-boat, and, being in a state of drunkenness, did not return. That left four on board—the cook and the three men belonging to the Dei Gratia.

The party decided to cruise along towards Gibraltar in the hope of intercepting the latter vessel, and on the morning of December 7 she was sighted. It was the captain of the Dei Gratia who reported "finding" the Marie Celeste as a "derelict"—the motive being easily supplied by her value as salvage. The mystery of the "abandoned" ship, therefore, was a concoction from the beginning.

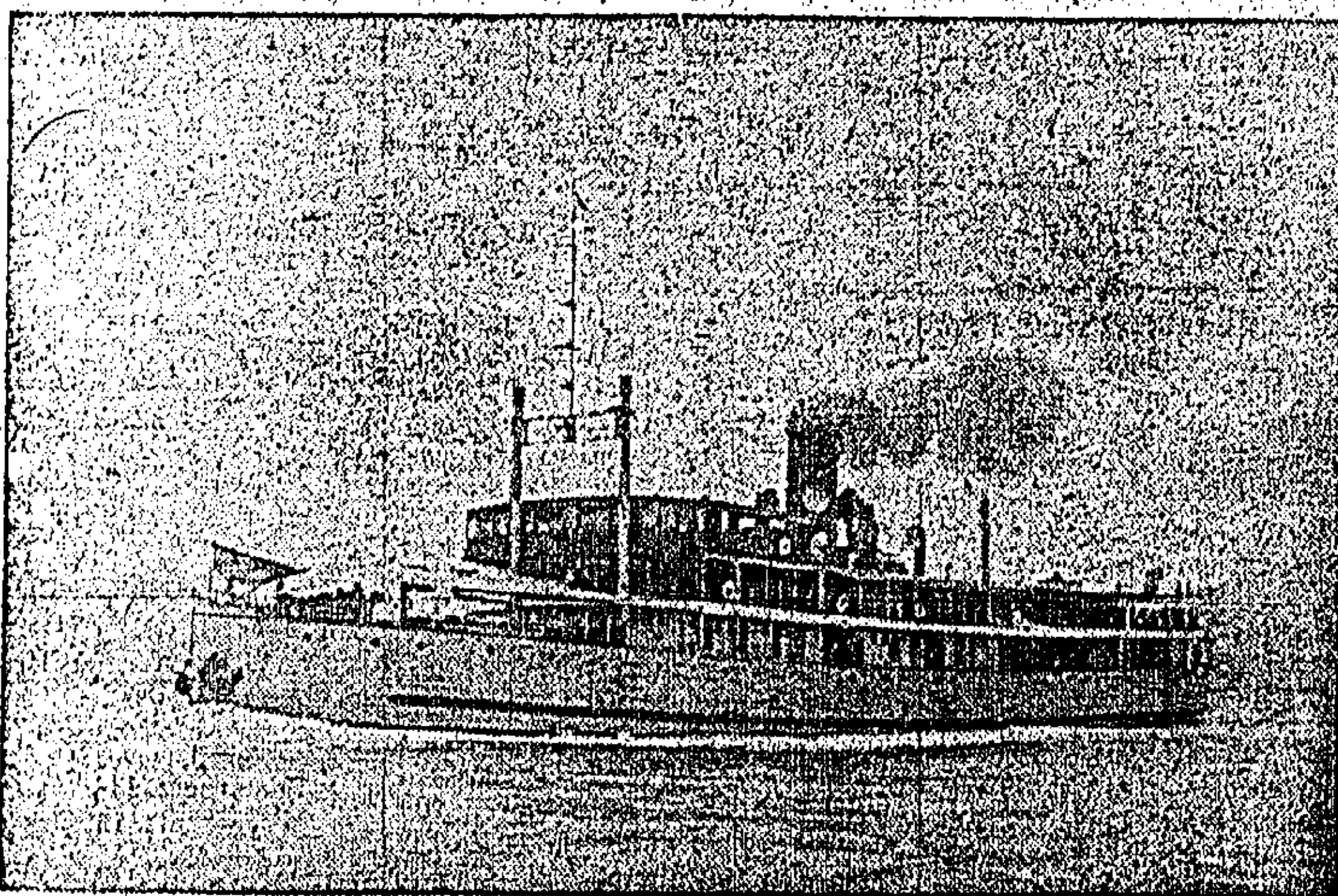
In addition to Mr. Pemberton, it is believed that another member of the crew of the Marie Celeste, Mr. Jock Dossell, may also be alive. The defendant was convicted on all three charges of larceny. On the first count he was sentenced to six months' hard labour, four months' on the second and four months' on the third. The second term to run consecutively with the first and the third concurrently, making a sentence of ten months' hard labour in all.

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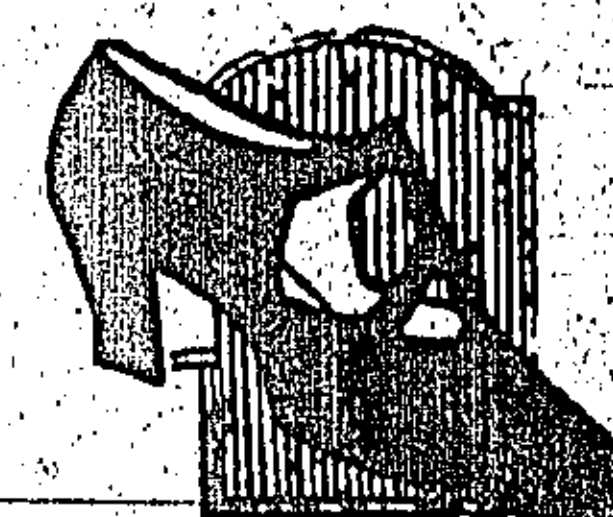
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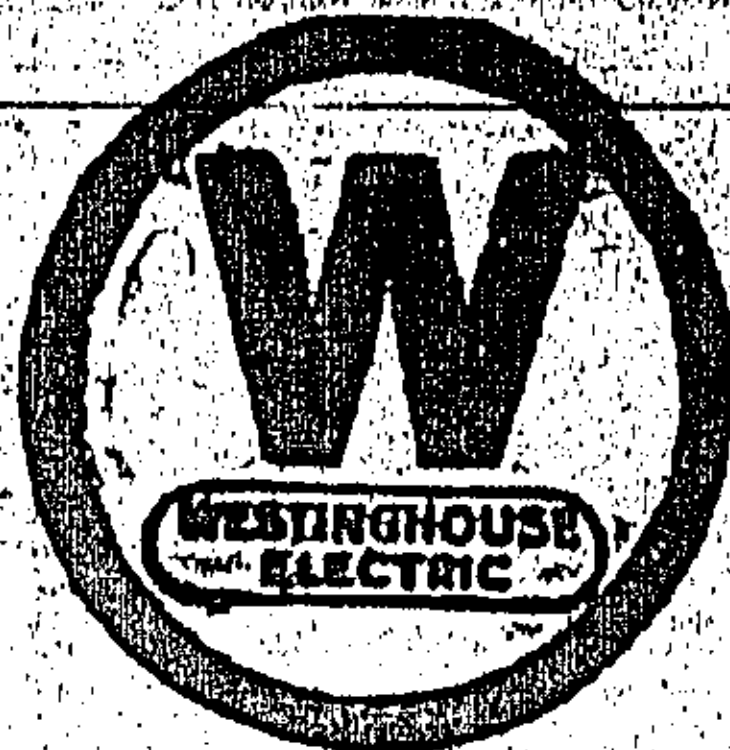


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Summonses in respect of three Chinese firms were heard before Mr. R. B. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for either selling, or having in their possession, for trade purposes, a certain flavoured powder, to which a false trade description had been applied. The powder in question is called "Ajinomoto" and is used in the place of ordinary salt. Mr. D. McCallum represented two of the defendant firms, and Mr. W. B. Hind, the third. Mr. L. R. Andrews prosecuted in all three cases. Mr. Huchiji Imura, Praya East, is the complainant.

Mr. Hind said their case was that the goods were bought quite innocently from another firm, and he was prepared to give the name of the firm to the prosecution.

Mr. Lindsell:—You are prepared to admit that you were in possession of tins of powder with a false trade mark?

Mr. Hind:—We were in possession of some of these. I understand, but I do not quite know at the moment when they got them. The trade mark has only been registered a month, and they might have acquired these before the trade mark was obtained.

Mr. Lindsell:—It seems to me you should have had time to know that. It was served on the 6th.

Mr. Hind:—It was only given to me at four o'clock last night.

Mr. Lindsell:—The summons was served five days ago. Are you prepared to go on?

Mr. Hind said he was in the same position as Mr. Hind. He admitted possession of the packets, but submitted that his clients were perfectly innocent.

Mr. Hind called the manager of the firm he represented to give evidence as to when the goods were obtained. He said he was the manager of a firm at 323, Queen's Road Central, and they had been dealing in the goods for six years. They bought this particular quantity in the first month of this year from a comparadore in Hing Lung Street. Witness produced receipts. He did not know there had been any infringement.

Mr. Lindsell:—I understand Mr. Hind to say that the trade mark had only been registered a month.

Mr. Hind:—I had only been told that, Your Worship.

Mr. Andrews said it was registered in 1922, and he had papers to prove it, which papers he produced.

Witness was handed up—a genuine tin, and an alleged false one, but, after examining them, he said he could not detect any difference.

The tins were examined by Mr. Lindsell, who said there were certain differences, and it was ridiculous for the witness to say that he could not see any differences at all.

In reply to Mr. Andrews, witness denied at first that he had been warned as to the packets, but later admitted that that was so.

Replied to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. Andrews said their case was that the right tins were obtained, but the wrong stuff was put into them. It was also alleged that the labels round the tins, together with a seal and chop, were forgeries.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

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CANTON NEWSPAPER STRIKE.

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With regard to the recent report that the compositors and printers of the Government Printing Office in Canton have gone on strike, it is now stated that a settlement has been reached, the Government yielding to all the demands of the strikers, with an injunction to the Superintendent of the Printing Office in future to give better treatment to the employees.

As regards the newspaper printers' strike, a number of men in the offices of the *Kung Ho Sheng Pao*, and *Kung Lun Pao* have resumed operation of their plants and, with *communiques* and syndicated matter from the Kuomintang press agencies, will be able to issue regular editions to-day or to-morrow.

The *Min Kuo Jih Pao* and the *Kuo Min Sen Wen*, two Kuomintang newspapers which have enjoyed a monopoly during the labour troubles in the other newspaper offices since July 24th, are being boycotted by non-Kuomintang or "anti-Red" Labour Unions.

The Canton Press Association has addressed a note to the Government demanding an explanation of the recent "capture" of newspaper plants by workers under its influence. The Government is consequently inviting the Press Association to send a delegation to the Headquarters and it is believed that a temporary settlement will be the result. The Canton Press Association has no pickets and nearly all its members are scholarly men who have been freely criticising the Kuomintang policy and condemning professional labour agitation, but in the feud between the "Reds" and the "anti-Reds" no journalist has been seen in the fights. The general opinion is that all newspaper plants will soon be in the hands of workers under the Kuomintang Workers' Delegates Conference.

CANTON EIGHTS.

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agree to resume service with the Chinese Post Office on the offer of the Government to meet \$2,000 of the expenses incurred on the strike from August 1st to 9th; and to subsidise the Postmen's Union with from \$9,500 to \$15,000, sufficient to allow each member to receive from \$3 to \$5 a month in the next two months. Although the Government has guaranteed that it will get the Peking authorities to agree to the demands of the Union, there has been no definite assurance that the Peking Director-General of Posts will meet the Union half-way within the next two months.

COURIERS ACCUSED.

The private couriers in Canton and vicinity, whose trade is to carry small articles and messages from one town to another and by whose combination a system of express service is possible, are now being accused of being "counter-revolutionists." It has transpired that during the postmen's strike in Canton, some of these couriers have done better business and have been making trips into territory usually making use of the regular postal service, notwithstanding the protests of the strikers. Some couriers have charged as much as twenty cents for carrying a message.

SEIZED BY A CROCODILE.

CHINESE YOUTH'S DEATH.

While wading through shallow water in the swamps at the 9th mile West Coast Road in Singapore last week a young Chinese was taken by a large-sized crocodile and pulled away before help could be sent for. A search was made for the body, but no trace was found either of the crocodile or the missing man.

The unfortunate youth's brother, who was with him at the time and who saw him being dragged struggling away, states that the crocodile was quite 12 feet in length. The two men were making their way to a boat which was tied up in the water. This is the first casualty of its kind for some time.

NEW CABLE.

DEALING WITH WIRELESS TRAFFIC.

According to a vote which is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow, an additional submarine cable between Taikotsui and Stonecutters, estimated to cost \$5,000, is regarded as necessary (a) to replace the existing cable connecting the Royal Observatory to Stonecutters, which is in a very poor condition, (b) to provide land line communications between Post Office and Stonecutters. Wireless Telegraph Station. The cable is at present in store. It is suggested that it is advisable that this work should be put in hand as early as possible in order to ascertain whether the Naval Authorities at Stonecutters can deal satisfactorily with the Government traffic with which it is proposed to entrust them.

The cable when laid will enable a portion of the wireless telegraph traffic to be passed via the Naval Station, arrangements having been agreed to whereby Stonecutters will relieve D'Aguiar of some of the point to point traffic, and D'Aguiar will undertake the duties of the Naval Guard Ship and all work on 600 metres wave length. Should these new arrangements prove satisfactory, it is anticipated that further co-operation may be effected enabling an improved service for the Colony to be established at a minimum expenditure.

ROYAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK
TO GO.

London, August 10.

It is officially announced that in order to mark the importance of the opening of Australia's new capital at Canberra, H. M. S. Renown will be detached from the fleet to convey the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia.

The Duke and Duchess will first visit New Zealand, via the Panama and return to England, via Suez. They will visit all States in Australia.—*Reuter*.

THE PROGRAMME.

Rugby, August 10.

The detailed arrangements of the tour are not yet settled but their Royal Highnesses will probably leave England about the middle of January and proceed by way of Panama Canal to New Zealand, where it is hoped that they will arrive in the latter part of February. They will proceed to Australia towards the end of March and will visit all States, with the exception of Western Australia, before the ceremony at Canberra on 9th May which will be the culminating point of the tour. They will re-embark in the "Renown" after the ceremony and proceed home via the Suez Canal, paying their visit to Western Australia on the way.

It is expected that they will reach England towards the end of June.—*British Wireless*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—How is it possible, with a Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and an able-bodied staff of European Police such as we have in Hongkong now, that such things are allowed to be passed by as the wretched specimen of a dog that was to be seen wandering in the streets yesterday between Wardley Street and Queen's Road Central the whole of the day long? It was certainly an object of pity and yet one who wished to take it away to have it destroyed was told that such was not allowed, but that it was a matter for the police only. If such is the case, why don't the Police attend to such cases? S. P. C. A. Inspectors (whoever the job belongs to)?

People passed and re-passed with a pitying glance and remarks of "poor wretch," etc. etc., but everyone passed on the "other side." Enclosing my card.—Yours, etc.

DUMB CREATURE'S FRIEND.
Hongkong, August 11, 1926.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2s. 2 1/2 p.
Lighting up 6.59 p.m.

Entertainments.

QUEEN'S TO-DAY ONLY
AT
2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15.

MAE MURRAY

IN

BLASCO IBANEZ

SCATHING INDICTMENT OF MODERN SOCIETY

CIRCE,

THE ENCHANTRESS

A METRO-GOLDWYN PICTURE.

STAR CONTINUOUS
5.30 to 11.30 p.m.

THE
PRODIGAL

TOO
MUCH

JUDGE

BUSINESS

WORLD

TO-DAY THRU SATURDAY.

A Great Melodrama of the Railroad

THE LIMITED
MAIL

Ninety Minutes of Sustained Thrills.

SCHOOL AND CLUB COLOURS.

HOME JOURNAL'S COMMENT.

The other day a London magistrate rebuked a man who appeared before him in the dock for wearing an Eton tie, which he admitted he had no right to wear. The reproof will meet with general approval, for no one likes to see the colours of a famous school brought into disrepute. Unfortunately, there is an absurd type of snob who cannot resist the temptation to pretend to be something a shade or two higher in the social scale than he actually is. His snobbery finds expression in many ways, and to sport the colours of a famous school, or club, or regiment is one of them. Such people rarely deceive anyone but themselves. Outfitters are quick to recognise them, but when a customer asks for a tie, a cap or a blazer in the colours of a well-known club or school, the shopkeeper is in no position to challenge his client's credentials. But not all those who sport the colours of famous clubs without possessing the strict right to do so, are actuated by snobbish motives. With many it is no more than an expression of sporting partisanship. They wear the colours of their fancy exactly for the same reason that many of us flaunt dark or light blue favours on boat-race day. There is no doubt, however, that the wearing of club colours is on the increase.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

NEARING FINAL OBJECTIVE.

Rugby, Aug. 10.
Mr. Alan Cobham is making good progress on his journey from Port Darwin to Melbourne, and has now reached Charleville, in Southern Queensland.—*British Wireless*.

According to to-day's Observatory report a typhoon may be forming to the east of Luzon. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is: "East or variable winds, light; fine."

For the simple reason that thousands more people to-day are entitled to wear school or club badges. Even the elementary schools to-day have their special colours, and the elementary lads are just as proud of their caps and ties and badges as are the boys of Eton and Harrow.

Tennis, cricket and sports clubs to-day are to be numbered in thousands, when twenty years ago there were only hundreds. They all have their appropriate colours, and there is no doubt that school and club colours help to develop a true esprit de corps among those who wear them. If a boy or man has his own colours to wear, he is less likely to fall a victim to what the psychologists would probably describe as "the club colour complex," and seek vicarious fame by masquerading in an Eton tie.